

## Parents, teachers, students unite

# 25,000 rally to stop NYC school cutbacks



Part of the vast crowd that circled New York's City Hall on June 9 protesting slated budget cuts. WW Photo: Joe Z.

By J. STEVENS

NEW YORK, June 9—A wave of 25,000 angry parents, students, and school workers engulfed City Hall today. They came in chartered buses, on subways, and they poured across the Brooklyn Bridge on foot in a solid stream. As the Mayor and the City Council plotted to slash thousands of jobs and smash the educational future of New York's 1.1 million schoolchildren, the unity of mass resistance was being forged in the streets below.

At 2:30 p.m. 5,000 demonstrators began to picket. Others continued to come, by tens, twenties, hundreds—groups of teachers with bags full of assignments to correct, para-professionals, parents with children in tow, angry high school men and women with banners and drums, school aides, lunchroom workers with their white uniforms and proud placards—a flood which quickly outgrew the narrow police barricades, and blocked traffic as it took command of all the surrounding streets.

"TAX THE BANKS!"

Their signs protested ("Billions for bombs, pennies for pencils,") and demanded ("A tax on banks, not attacks on children," "Victory through unity"). They marched under the banners of their schools, their unions, their tenant groups, anti-poverty agencies, and labor organizations.

A rally at 4:00 was addressed by Victor Gotbaum of the Municipal Workers' Union, as well as Albert Shanker of the United Federation of Teachers. But the demonstrators were too flushed with their outpouring of anger to concern themselves with the almost inaudible words from the podium.

### EFFECTS OF CUTBACKS

The effects of the proposed cutbacks would include: the firing of over 16,000 teachers, class sizes of 40 to 50, the elimination of after-school and summer programs, the end of kindergarten, adult education, and guidance counselors, and the closing of many schools and special programs.

A teacher in a bilingual education program told *Workers World*, "If the cuts go through, it means ending the jobs of most of the young Black, Latin, and Oriental teachers who have come into the system in the past few

years, and the destruction of the bilingual program in my school."

These attacks on the schools have brought about a coalition among groups never before united in such a struggle. Ever since the 1968 United Federation of Teachers' racist attack on community control, the United Parents and other community groups have not worked with the UFT in any significant way. Yet today's action was called by these groups as well as the Community School Boards.

Albert Shanker, president of the UFT, was forced by the militant urgings of his membership to seek community support and actively build this mass demonstration. The parents' support prevented the movement to oppose the budget cuts from being split into two opposing forces.

The militancy of the newly unified forces today demonstrated the will of the working people of this city to resist the attacks of the bankers and the politicians who front for them. Only this unified struggle can wrest from the hands of the bankers the future of our children.

### The taking of B'klyn Bridge . . . 1,2,3

NEW YORK, June 9—As thousands picketed around City Hall on the sidewalk yesterday militant high school youth and community people pushed through police lines into the streets—cheering and shouting and filling the foot of Brooklyn Bridge with angry chants of "Save our schools!"

Hundreds of the militants pushed onto the Brooklyn Bridge ramps blocking traffic. The police, caught unaware by the anger of the people, rushed up to try to stop the disruption of traffic (something they seem unconcerned about on other days). Angry parents sat down in the roadway when the police stopped them from marching further up the bridge.

Once the police had the people caged in they marched back down and stopped the other ramp, chants of "Save our schools" bringing smiles and clenched fists of solidarity from the stranded motorists. When police pleaded with the people to move, saying they were being cut back, too, the demonstrators answered, "Then why are you trying to stop us?"

## Delaware arrests ZANU official

BALTIMORE, June 8—Tapson A. Mawere, Chief Representative in the United States of the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) African National Union (ZANU), and his companion Muda Mangazda, were brutally attacked and then arrested yesterday by racist police in the state of Delaware.

Mr. Mawere, accompanied by Mr. Mangazda, was traveling on a Trailways bus from New York City to Norfolk, Va., where he was to address a meeting called in support of the freedom struggle of the Zimbabwe people against the Rhodesian settler state. His bus broke down in the south Delaware town of Harrington.

The two men got off the bus at the station and went to a nearby coffee shop. All other patrons in the place were whites. They sat for some time without being served anything to eat. Finally Mr.

Mangazda walked over to the counter with his menu to see if he could get some food.

Suddenly a man in civilian clothes approached Mr. Mangazda and told him to "get out" of the restaurant. Mr. Mangazda began to back to the exit when the man, who turned out later to be a plain clothes cop, rushed him, hurling Mr. Mangazda through the plate glass doors.

Six cops were waiting outside, and as Tapson Mawere ran from the coffee shop to help his friend, he saw the police shoving Muda Mangazda into a patrol car. Mr. Mawere jumped inside to go with Mangazda to Harrington station. When he got there he was informed that both of them were under arrest.

Mr. Mangazda, who suffered cuts and a sprained ankle from the plain clothes cop's assault, was

charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and other charges. Tapson Mawere was charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing police in the line of duty. Both men were taken to Delaware's notorious Smyrna prison before they were bailed out.

Mr. Mawere told *Workers World* that he saw the same kind of racism in the police attack on him and Muda Mangazda in Harrington, Delaware, as that employed by the white supremacist "Rhodesian" government he had come to the U.S. to expose.

"We look to U.S. citizens to struggle to end these atrocities that are happening in the state of Delaware and elsewhere in the U.S.," Tapson Mawere added.

Both Mr. Mawere and Mr. Mangazda will go on trial in Dover, Delaware, on Friday, June 13.

## 9.2 percent unemployed in May

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By BILL DEL VECCHIO  
NEW YORK, June 9—Unemployment hit 9.2 percent in May, raising the number of unemployed workers to 8,538,000, according to the greatly underestimated statistics of the Department of Labor. This put unemployment at the highest point since 1941.

## HIDDEN UNEMPLOYMENT

Not counted by the Department of Labor are "discouraged" workers who have given up looking for jobs in despair. The government estimates this group of unemployed at 1 million but other estimates run much higher.

Ron Nessen, press secretary for President Ford, said that the May figures were "about in line" with the latest administration forecasts. He cheerily claimed that "this kind of increase is typical of this period of bottoming out and the early phases of recovery." Administration forecasts both this year and last have never gone beyond 9 percent unemployment.

## "BRIGHTER LOOK" FOR WHOM?

On May 31, the administration issued a revised projection of the nation's economy which offered a "brighter look," according to the New York Times and the rest of the bourgeois press, involving a drop in inflation and an increase in the gross national product.

But the projection for unemployment revealed that the administration expects depression-level figures for the next 2 years, although they claim the jobless rate will drop to around 7.9

percent.

The "more optimistic outlook" exists only for big business to make profits hand over fist, while roughly 10 million workers and their families are left with no way to support themselves.

The vetoing of the bill that would

have provided a minimal amount of jobs from the federal government to the unemployed shows the calculated use of the capitalist economic crisis to extract more profits from the working class. But as living becomes harder and harder for the poor and working

people, it also becomes harder and harder for them to believe Ford and the rest of the politicians and their representatives. Big business will be made to pay for its increased profits by the increased anger and consciousness of the workers.

## Activities draw attention to gay struggle

## Gay Pride celebrated in Buffalo

BUFFALO, June 7—As part of "Three Weeks of Gay Visibility" here, the Gay Caucus of Youth

Against War & Fascism (YAWF) sponsored a class on the history of gay oppression this week. Three

women from the Gay Caucus of Buffalo YAWF covered the historical periods from the matriarchy to the rise of Christianity, feudalism to the rise of fascism in Nazi Germany, and the Bolshevik Revolution to the present.

As a continuation of Buffalo Gay Pride, transportation is being provided by the Gay Community Services Center to New York for the annual Christopher Street march on June 29. For more information, contact the Gay Community Services Center, 1350 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. (716 881-5335) or the Gay Caucus of YAWF, 730 Main St., Buffalo (855-3055).

A representative from the Gay Caucus of New York YAWF was a guest speaker at a workshop on transsexuals, where she spoke on her own experience as a former transsexual.

The three weeks of activities sponsored by Buffalo's gay community attracted many people, drawing attention to gay oppression and the struggles of gays to survive in capitalist society.



Last year's Gay Pride march to commemorate the 1970 Stonewall Rebellion brought over 20,000 into the streets of New York. WW photo: Ken O.

## UPS kills one worker, cripples another for life

NEW YORK, June 6—Peter Lodi, telephone room worker at the downtown United Parcel terminal, died today in middle-age of a heart attack brought on by overwork. Lodi had been assigned to the phones for medical reasons, but over the past couple of weeks he had been "asked" by management to go out on the road doing heavy pickup work.

Only yesterday another man was crippled for life with a severe hernia rupture that left him unconscious on the sidewalk. Charles Briggs, a young Black steward in the union, fell attempting to lift an overloaded handtruck under the direct order of supervision. Briggs had just been reinstated after the union took his case to arbitration when UPS fired him earlier in the year for refusing to lift such a heavy load.

Briggs has resigned and will sue for damages. But the rank-and-file union members are asking: "Who asked Lodi to go on the road and who ordered Briggs to lift that load?" The ones who did should be hit with criminal charges and locked up.

## CORRECTION

Last issue we incorrectly reported the address of the Rio Grande Valley Organizing Committee, which represents striking melon pickers in southern Texas. The correct address for contributions and messages of support is Rural Route 1, Box 149-B, Alamo, Texas 78516

## One layoff we're for

Due to recent cutbacks in the U.S. imperialist empire, 150 out of the 556 Agency for International Development (AID) officials who have been driven out of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos will be laid off by this August. This is according to John E. Murphy, deputy director of this known CIA-front organization.

Thanks to the victories of the peoples of Indochina, these police directors, torture and mutilation experts, assassins, and spies will be out of work.

"It's brutal," said a senior State Department official familiar with AID.

According to the New York Times, AID was unprepared for

the influx of hundreds of employees from Indochina, some of whom have been "working" there for 14 years.

"It's one of the most unfair things I know," said Beverly Coffman, who had to leave her Saigon AID job by flying in a helicopter from the roof of the U.S. Saigon Embassy.

David Carpenter, former State Department political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, said he was "depressed" about losing his position, but added, "I'd like to go back to Asia." So he can get kicked out of another revolutionary country?

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## DECLINE AND FALL

## STABLE BOYS SING IT RIGHT

CBS National News, May 4:

"A strike of stable boys in Newkirk, England, where the English equivalent of the Kentucky Derby is held, culminated in arrests when the youths—200 strong—charged on to the center field chanting, and started a sit-in.

"Police came, talked for a while, then brought on the dogs and arrested several dozen.

"Many marched off the field past the rich patrons singing, 'All we are saying, is give us a raise.'"

## EHRlichman's "LOW INCOME"?

People, April 28:

"John Ehrlichman has surfaced in Santa Fe, N. Mex.—not far from where he proposed to serve his sentence among Indians rather than go to jail for his part in the Watergate coverup. (The court turned down his request, and so did the Indians.)

"Meanwhile the rest of the Ehrlichmans were still living in the plush Seattle suburb of Hunts Point, and wife Jeanne was working at her new job as an education program coordinator with the Seattle Symphony. She qualified for a federally

funded position as a member of a 'lower-income family.'"

## BEAUTY AND THE BRASS

Moneysworth, May 16:

"Routine plastic-surgery operations are being performed free for military officers' wives while the ordinary soldier waits for treatment, Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.) has charged.

"Surgeons are using military operating rooms to glamorize the wives of top brass—with taxpayers' money," Aspin says. "This work is being done at the expense of the ordinary serviceman's health needs."

"According to Aspin, most of the operations are for facelifts and breast enlargements.

"This type of surgery costs civilians anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a job, Aspin estimates. Officers' wives, however, are

## JUDGE NEEDS A LITTLE PRODDING

New York Post, May 30:

"Ottawa, Ill.—A state judge has ruled that it is not cruel for a teacher to use a battery-operated cattle prod on sixth-grade students.

"This court does not condone this resort to a new disciplinary method but does not say it amounts to cruelty in its use here," said Circuit Court Judge Leonard Hoffman.

"Hoffman's decision came in a suit filed by Frank J. Roland, who was seeking reinstatement as a teacher with the Ogelsby Elementary School District,

"The Board of Education dismissed Roland in late 1973 after he admitted using the prod to maintain class-room discipline."

# Milwaukee meatcutters battle cops in struggle with packers

Special to WORKERS WORLD  
MILWAUKEE, June 4—Today close to 750 militant labor supporters turned out for a mass picket called by striking Meatcutters Local 248 and the Milwaukee County Labor Council.

In the 4-month strike, dozens of local unions have provided financial support as well as other strike assistance, but today's "Rally in the Valley" (most of the struck plants are in Milwaukee's huge industrial valley between the North and South sides) was by far the largest show of labor solidarity. In a union town like Milwaukee, it was a sign of the potential united strength of the labor movement against labor-busting companies.

Some 750 meatcutters have been on strike here since January 25 against the Milwaukee Meat Packers Association, which consists of eight small packing firms intent on breaking the union. The Association's proposed contract demands the right to fire any union member for alleged misconduct before or during the strike for 30 days after settlement; it insists that arbitrators be selected by the company but paid for by the union; and it requires that after settlement scabs be retained and union members be recalled "as needed" without back pay and with no regard for seniority.

## COMPANIES SEEK OPEN SHOP

The companies have no intention of settling the strike and have retained a local strike-breaking law firm to handle negotiations, whose principal aim is to reestablish the open shop. They hope to prolong the strike for over a year, despite huge financial losses (already two of the plants owned by Krogers have announced they were closing down), so they can move to decertify Local 248.

Consequently, the strike has been bitter from the beginning. The bosses have taken advantage of the hunger, insecurity, and misery caused by the current raging unemployment to recruit scabs from as far away as Colorado, Texas, and Nebraska.

The State Employment Service has "mistakenly" been sending people for jobs at the struck firms. The National Labor Relations Board, acting as a strike-breaking agency, has filed criminal contempt charges against the union using the false claim that informational picketing at several area food chains selling scab meat constitutes a secondary boycott. And the bosses' best friends, the cops, have constantly harassed the strikers, making numerous arrests on absurd charges that have failed to yield a single conviction.

## WIDESPREAD LABOR SOLIDARITY

An impressive number of labor organizations participated in today's mass picket to express their support of the fierce struggle the meatcutters have been waging. Delegates came from the machinists, the firefighters, the meatcutters of Patrick Cudahy, the moulders, the United Auto Workers from American Motors, the Bakery and Confectionery Workers, the United Farmworkers, the Communication Workers, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (including a contingent of a striking local which just went out against the Curative Workshop,

a rehabilitation agency), the United Electrical Workers from Allen Bradley, the Allied Industrial Workers from Harley-Davidson, the United Steelworkers, and the longshoremen. And there were delegations from the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Center for United Labor Action, the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, and the Milwaukee Coalition Against Inflation and Unemployment.

A high point in the afternoon was when machinists from a nearby plant marched up to the line with signs proclaiming their support for the meatcutters. Unions outside the AFL-CIO sent strong contingents.

In the same spirit of militancy that Local 248 has exhibited since the strike began, picketers refused to be intimidated by the presence of the "red squad," large numbers of uniformed police, and a fleet of

paddy wagons. In fact, it was the police and scabs who were scared.

The scabs were scheduled to leave the plant at 2:30, but that moment came and went as the industrial valley reverberated with the sound of hundreds of voices chanting "Scabs out, workers in" and songs of labor protest. Finally, at 4:30, the terrified scabs drove out, looking like the start of the Indianapolis 500, shielded by rows of nervous cops. Picketers freely shoved the police into the cars, loudly denouncing the pasty-faced scabs, and broke at least one of the windshields.

Today's massive display of support has not only encouraged Local 248 to continue its courageous and determined struggle until victory, but points out once more that the bosses and their unsavory allies are no match for the solidarity of the workers, whose efforts to improve their existence cannot be turned back.

# Finast workers fight scabs, Boston cops



Teamsters strikers picket Finast warehouse in Somerville, Mass., as police attempt to clear area for scab trucks.

Photo: People's Voice

By LEE BRADFORD

BOSTON, June 9—A strike of 719 workers against the First National Company (Finast) warehouse in Somerville is beginning its fifth week. Members of Teamsters Local 829 have been waging a militant and heroic struggle against a ruthless corporation which has proven that it prefers to kill and maim its employees rather than come up with a serious proposal to settle the strike.

Apparently, the strike caught First National by surprise on May 11, as there was almost a million dollars worth of meat on the racks at the time. The next several days saw pitched battles between the workers, police, and scabs as First National tried to retrieve the food from the warehouse. One attempt involved a train which union engineers refused to bring across the picket line. The supervisors were only too happy to do it, however, even to the point of almost killing several workers who had seated themselves on the tracks to block the train.

The next day, over 50 police were called in to escort five trucks of meat out. The workers fought back against clubs and teargas with sticks and rocks. It is even rumored that a baseball bat was

responsible for smashing the windshield of one of the scab trucks. Three of the five trucks were damaged so badly that they were unable to make it to the First National warehouse in Hartford, Connecticut. During the next 2 days more battles took place as First National brought out more meat and produce, much of which was already tainted.

## SHOPPERS SUPPORTING STRIKE

First National has utilized a media blitz to attempt to discredit the strikers. Large ads have appeared in the Boston papers asking people to break the strike by shopping at Finast grocery stores (owned by First National). In spite of this, it is reported that business is down as much as 50 percent at a number of stores.

A federal mediator has been brought in to try and negotiate a settlement. Contrary to expectations, however, the company this week came into negotiations with no new contract proposals, and the talks were broken off.

The Finast workers are providing us all with an example of courage and determination which the Boston labor movement will not soon forget.



In a show of labor solidarity with Milwaukee striking meatcutters, over 750 unionists picketed a meat-packing plant and gave the scabs a real run for their money.

# Buffalo firefighters picket against mayor

By L. LEWIS

BUFFALO, June 4—Local 282, Buffalo Professional Firefighters Association (AFL-CIO) picketed a dinner honoring Mayor Stanley Makowski last night. This was yet another incident in the current dispute between the City of Buffalo and the firefighters' union.

At the core of the dispute is the city's refusal to hire an adequate number of firefighters, choosing instead to work with a depleted force and pay extensive overtime. This method of operation, familiar in industry, allows the city to save on benefits it would normally have to pay to a larger workforce.

Buffalo, like most other major cities, is currently crying "poverty." And, like any other boss, the city administration is trying to pin the rap on the workers. This is at a time when Buffalo and Erie County have the highest rate of unemployment in the state—nearly 16 percent and rising.

## NEW BUDGET, MORE CUTS

Mayor Makowski's newly released budget called for a further reduction in the firefighting force by 71 positions. These layoffs would mean the permanent closing of eight fire stations in a city already racked with one of the highest fire rates in the country.

In response to the mayor's outrageous proposals, Local 282 instituted a "job action" on May 6 in which the firefighters refused to work voluntary overtime. The union clearly stated, however, that its members would respond to any emergency situation and would not leave the scene of a working fire until it was out, even if the firefighters had to work overtime.

The response of the city to the justified action was to launch a press campaign against the union, accusing it of endangering the lives of the citizens of Buffalo.

It was no surprise, then, when the firefighters picketed the Tuesday night dinner at the Statler Hilton Hotel, protesting the selection of Mayor Makowski for an award from the State Union Labor and Service Trades Department of the State AFL-CIO. Firefighters' union president Patrick J. Mangan said:

"Makowski's anti-union. We've known it all along, ever since he was a councilman. He never wanted to give us a living wage."

## DON'T BLAME WORKERS

A close examination of the city administration's record in fire control and fighting shows who is really to blame for the "crisis."

— There has not been a firefighter hired since February 1973;

— The present workforce has been reduced through attrition to 160 men over the last 3 years (for a population of 500,000);

— In the last 14 months, 3 firefighters have died and over 500 have been injured in the line of duty;

— Buffalo is a city of old, decaying, densely concentrated wood-frame buildings: Last year there were 29 deaths, 174 injuries, and \$10 million in property damage (one of the highest rates, proportionately, in the country) due to fires. Yet the city is reducing the firefighting force.

To add insult to injury, the mayor recently created two "firewatching" jobs and filled them with political cronies at \$20,000 per year each. Buffalo has the dubious distinction of being in the country's "Top 10" cities for the number of political appointees per 100,000 population.

Actually, the union should have taken action long before now. If the city wasn't hiring any new firefighters, it certainly wasn't hiring any Black or other minority people for the jobs either. It is significant that the overwhelmingly white firefighters' union didn't take action to demand that minorities be hired, but only acted when their very own jobs were threatened. Had they supported the right of the minority workers to equal employment, their job action today would be all the stronger with the minority unionists by their sides.

## SUPPORT FIREFIGHTERS

On May 21, a State Supreme Court judge upheld the firefighters' right to refuse to work overtime, pointing out that the city cannot require its workers to put in more than 40 hours per week, much less try to make it a contract provision.

Local 282 sees these actions by the city as an attempt to violate the contract and, eventually, break the union. As we go to press, the union has vowed to continue the job action "until hell freezes over."

All workers, especially city workers, should support the firefighters in their action. It was a disgrace that the Tuesday night dinner even took place, much less that fellow trade unionists crossed the firefighters' picket line. If the city is successful now, it will turn its attention to other unions later. We must lay the blame for the economic crisis where it belongs: on the shoulders of the city administration and the bankers and businessmen who finance them.

Carey's 'Big MAC' no solution to NYC crisis

# Workers laid off to pay banks!

By T. MITCHELL

NEW YORK, June 7—On Wednesday, June 11, the City of New York is supposed to repay \$792 million in debt to the giant Wall Street banks, money which the city doesn't have because these same banks have shut off all credit to the city. All told, over \$6 billion in city debt comes due over the next year.

The New York State legislature, which rules over the city, is busy putting its stamp of approval on a rescue operation to assure payment to the banks through the institution of the Municipal Assistance Corporation that will take over \$3 billion of the city debt.

"Big MAC," as Governor Hugh Carey is calling it, will have first call on the city revenues without having any responsibility for payments to maintain city services. It will take care of the bankers, all right, but it is no solution for the 37,315 city workers now getting layoff notices.

## "BIC MAC" SERVES BANKS

It comes as no surprise that the purpose of the Municipal Assistance Corporation is actually to assist the big Wall Street banks and their ruling class owners at the expense of the ordinary people of the city. MAC is the creation of four men closely wedded to Wall Street who were appointed to a "blue ribbon panel" by Governor Carey.

Their greatest concern is that the payments to the banks be met on time, and they have expressed no concern whatever about the effects of the drastic cutbacks in city payroll and services.

Felix Rohatyn, head of a major investment bank and chairman of the four special advisers, replied in answer to a question whether the city might default on debt payments: "We just cannot accept this as an option we can live with."

Why not? The New York banks, the biggest in the U.S., have 10 to 15 percent of their capital in city debt notes that would become next to worthless if the city defaults and the issue gets tied up in the courts. It is these bank assets that MAC is designed to protect by covering the debt payments and guaranteeing repayment.

If the city defaults, the legal battle to decide who gets paid will be transformed into a fundamental political question: which comes first, the city payroll or the bankers' profits?

## SOLUTION FOR CITY WORKERS AND RESIDENTS

Why are the banks pushing the city to the brink of bankruptcy, threatening their own stability and security that is tied up with the city debt? New York banks are so ready to extend credit to business corporations that they have lowered interest rates to half of what they were a year ago, and Citibank is offering loans at half a percent less than the other major banks. But when it comes to New York City, these banks, especially Citibank, are sabotaging government administration by withholding credit.

While MAC is coming to rescue the banks for now, the financiers are especially concerned about the future payments. The banks want



Protesting devastating cuts slated for New York City's educational budget, over 25,000 school workers, parents, and students surrounded City Hall for 5 blocks around. WW photo: Joe Z.

the city payroll cut so there is more revenue left to be collected into their vaults.

New York City Mayor Abraham Beame has obediently ordered 37,315 layoffs in every branch of city administration in order to cover a budget deficit of \$641 million for next year caused by the tremendous debt service payments. These layoffs are meant to be permanent and Beame is even suggesting further cuts later in the year.

There is no doubt that these cuts will have the most horrible impact on the lives of the people of the city, as well as on unemployed city workers, affecting the health, safety, and education of 8 million people.

These cutbacks must be stopped. The city must cut bankers' profits, not jobs and services. No other solution can be acceptable without guaranteeing that the city will completely fulfill its responsibilities to the human beings who live here.

The City Council should im-

mediately enact measures prohibiting layoffs of city workers and setting up a schedule for the rapid recall of all who have already been cut. The city can easily come up with the funds to provide full services if the officials take these steps:

— Suspend debt payments to the banks for the duration of the crisis, which will provide funds to cover the \$641 million "deficit" and plenty more since the city paid \$1,751 million to the banks last year alone. The city should also order all debt payments by unemployed workers suspended for as long as they are out of work. The millionaire financiers can follow their advice to the unemployed and wait for the economy to get better.

— Take immediate steps to collect \$600 million in unpaid, overdue real estate taxes owned by big landlords. Taxes should be collected on the billions of real estate controlled by big institutions in the city. Taxes on commercial properties are much too low—the tax assessment of 135 buildings in

the Wall Street area actually went down in the past 2 years.

— Tax the stock exchange and all the financial institutions that make New York City the financial center of the world. A measly 10 cents a share tax on stock sales would bring in an easy \$500 million a year. Let Beame look to this great wealth when he talks of new taxes on the people of the city, who already pay the highest taxes in the country.

The bankers' MAC plan calls for gouging greater and greater interest payments from the city while living conditions are reduced to worse than bad. This must be defeated—and Mayor Beame will have to give up being a stooge axeman for the banks or else be pushed aside by the mobilized people of the city, led by the city workers' unions.

The bankers will scream hysterically at the mention of these measures, but the people of the city are not going to allow their lives to be destroyed just to make the rich that much richer.

## N.Y. demonstrators denounce deportations of Haitian workers

By M. WYNN

NEW YORK, May 31— "Deportation means death for Haitian refugees!" was the grim message of demonstrators today at the New York office of the State Department. They were protesting the Ford Administration's wholesale deportations of Haitians.

The march which followed down 5th Avenue to Herald Square passed thousands of working people and shoppers who stopped to listen and watch.

Many onlookers, often themselves from oppressed nations, gave visible responses of solidarity with the plight of the Haitian refugees.

Having escaped the brutal dictatorship of "president for life" Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti, where it is not uncommon for dissenters' heads to be impaled on stakes in market places, these Haitians in the U.S. (an estimated 300,000 live in New York City alone) are now being falsely accused by the Ford Administration of "upsetting the economy."

## DOUBLE STANDARDS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

The demonstration, called by the Rescue Committee for Haitian Refugees, a coalition of Haitian groups and supporters, pointed out the double standard oppressed groups face here. While one government official has said,

"They (Haitians) want to put salt in the wounds of those already employed and place more on welfare," Ford a few weeks later said 100,000 Vietnamese he was bringing to the U.S. could "easily be absorbed."

But while the collaborators with U.S. oppression in Vietnam are now being carted to the U.S. lock, stock, and barrel, carrying bars of stolen gold in their suitcases and hapless babies under their arms, there is no welcome, there are no gifts of ranches, there are no millions of dollars for Haitian refugees. For the Haitian refugees who fled their country, unlike many of the Vietnamese "refugees," were the tortured and not the torturers.

"It is the U.S. that is responsible for Haiti's underdevelopment," declared Ms. Sandra Cinton at the rally, explaining how the U.S. benefits from the cheap labor of Haitians and supports the tyrannical Duvalier regime in Haiti.

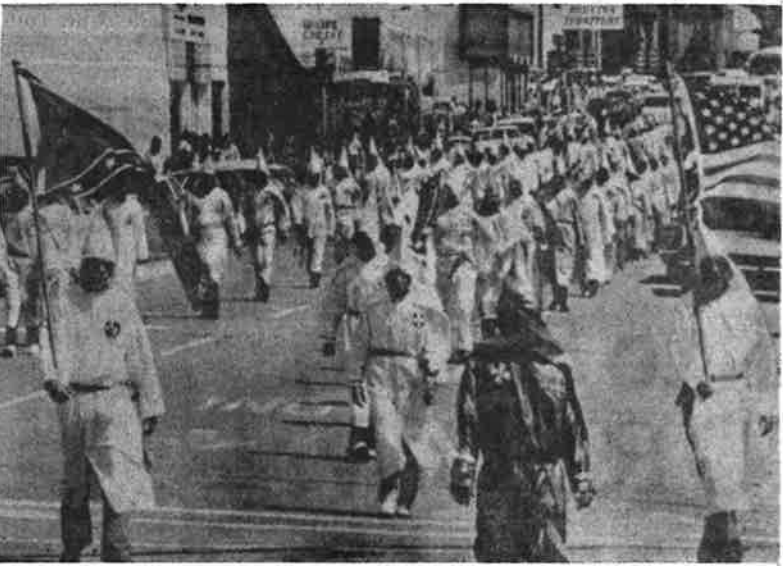
## HISTORY OF U.S. GRIP ON HAITI

Haiti is the oldest Black republic in the world, having declared its independence in 1804 as a result of an historic slave uprising, led by Toussaint L'Ouverture and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, who then attempted a sweeping land reform. But these great men lacked the

proper world conditions to remain truly independent, and today Haiti is the hemisphere's poorest country. Invaded by U.S. Marines on July 28, 1915, under the now well-worn pretext of "restoring order," Haiti was thereafter dominated by Wall Street. Franklin Delano Roosevelt "helped" write a new Haitian Constitution (which insured the right of foreign ownership of lands). Having installed dictators, trained the infamous Tontons Macoutes secret police torturers, and beaten Haiti over the head with the Monroe Doctrine, the Marines went home in 1934.

Now, totally dominated by U.S. corporate interests, dependent on the U.S. for almost every product, producing goods mainly for export, under brutal working conditions—Haiti, for all intents and purposes, "belongs" to the U.S. Wages average \$1.00 a day, strikes and unions are outlawed, and the country's per-capita income is only around \$130 a year.

It will be in the interest of workers throughout the hemisphere that the people of Haiti overthrow the dictatorship of Duvalier and kick out the exploiting U.S. corporations. Only in this way will the Haitian workers be able to live and work freely in their own land while at the same time U.S. corporations will be deprived of one more place to "run away" to for low wages.



No, this isn't the 1920s! Hooded members of the ultra-racist Ku Klux Klan marched through downtown Pensacola, Fla., on June 6, encouraged by a campaign visit by George Wallace.

## Wallace speaks as Klan burns cross in Pensacola

NEW YORK, June 6—On May 24, the "new, mellowed" George Wallace appeared in Pensacola, Fla., as the guest speaker at ceremonies honoring the racist police force that had just recently murdered a Black youth. The day before Wallace's arrival, hundreds of Black residents protesting the murder held a militant march through downtown Pensacola chanting, "End racism in Florida!"

As Wallace was speaking, 600 of his closest supporters, the Ku Klux Klan, marched along the same route the anti-racist demonstration had followed. The racist scum then held a rally in a football stadium where a 15-foot cross was burned.

Although the rally failed to bring out the 6,000 that local Klan organizers had predicted, they still

had the encouragement of having Wallace appear in the city on the same day. Wallace, who never mentioned the KKK by name, said in his speech to the assembled police and racist politicians, "People like you in the Panhandle are going to straighten this country out in the next few years." Wallace went on to offer to go to New York City to "straighten out" the city's finances because "in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle, we aren't broke."

Wallace himself might not be broke, but Alabama has the 49th lowest per-capita income in the country.

During the Klan march a courageous white woman walked alongside the entire route with a sign that said "Ban the Klan."

# Godfather Rocky clears CIA hit men of any 'wrongdoing'

By PETE PERKINS  
NEW YORK, June 10—As we go to press the news media are awaiting the release of the Rockefeller Commission report on the CIA. President Gerald Ford held a press conference last night to try to answer questions from the press concerning the Central Intelligence Agency. His answers were all intended to whitewash the agency—just as he participated in a whitewash of the right-wing forces behind the Kennedy assassination 10 years ago as a member of the Warren Commission. As a matter of fact, a large reason for the present investigations was to "exonerate" the CIA in the Kennedy assassination.

The essence of the report issued by the Rockefeller Commission is that while the CIA has committed numerous and sometimes violent crimes right in the U.S. itself, this is no big thing. Nobody seemed surprised when Rocky exonerated the CIA, but what little did come out in his report more than justifies the abolition of the CIA secret police in the eyes of those who don't want to live in a totalitarian state.

**"NORMAL" CIA OPERATIONS**  
The CIA's charter "allows" it to spy on the entire rest of the world but not inside the United States. So when it plotted the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961, there was no investigation called for then. When it took over military intelligence operations and plotted the satura-

tion bombings over Indochina that murdered 5 or 6 million people, that didn't call for an investigation either.

Early this year Ford commissioned his Vice President to "investigate" persistent charges that the CIA had been involved in widespread domestic espionage in violation of its 1947 charter. Many of the Watergate burglars were former CIA agents, including four U.S. and Cuban counter-revolutionaries who participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion.

The Rockefeller Commission decided not to investigate the "normal" overseas cloak-and-dagger operations of the CIA and held secret investigations into its domestic activities only. However, the CIA has so many millions of skeletons in its closets that even the arch-conservative Rockefeller Commission had to expose some of them.

## ASSASSINATION PLOTS

The first story to reach the press was that CIA agent and Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis had teamed with both the CIA and the Mafia three times in unsuccessful attempts to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba. The present team in the White House can make political hay by focusing the investigation on plots linked to both John and Robert Kennedy, especially since they help discredit one of their major Democratic opponents, Senator Edward

Kennedy. CIA crimes committed under more recent administrations received much less publicity.

One such assassination campaign was the one conducted in Vietnam known as Operation Phoenix. The Phoenix program was headed by CIA Director William Colby and patterned directly after the Nazi repression of the French underground during WWII.

Under Operation Phoenix over 20,000 Vietnamese were rounded up as suspected "Vietcong sympathizers," beaten, interrogated, and murdered in a vain effort to drown the Vietnamese revolution in blood. Colby moved up from that operation to become the Director of the CIA on appointment by Richard Nixon, after his predecessor, James Schlesinger, was given direct control over the military as Secretary of Defense.

## CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION

The Rockefeller Commission report has stirred up quite a stink. While both houses of Congress are now initiating investigations of the CIA on their own, there is no evidence to support a contention that they will be any more vigorous than Ford has been in exposing the crimes of this "Murder Incorporated." As supporters of capitalism and imperialism, predatory social orders based on violence, the members of Congress can hardly be expected to unmask the workings of the Central In-



Members of the Rockefeller Commission: a slap on the wrist for their friends in the CIA, the most murderous organization in the world.

telligence Agency which is at the very core of the system.

Only the victims of the CIA, the workers and oppressed around the

world, are capable of both passing judgment on this secret police apparatus and carrying out their sentence against it.

# Hit Virginia Power Co. for greed, profit gouging

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PETERSBURG, Va., May 24—Today over 50 area working and poor people, the majority from the Black communities of Petersburg, Hopewell, and Ettrick, marched through the streets of Petersburg demanding an immediate rollback in electric rates charged by the Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) and the abolition of the company's "fuel adjustment clause," a device used by utility companies to pass along to consumers the huge price increases of the big oil monopolies.

The action, organized by the Southside Virginia Neighborhood Association, was the latest in a series of protests against VEPCO throughout the state. Also on the march were members of the Center for United Labor Action, who distributed hundreds of copies of the "Workers' Guide to VEPCO," a brochure explaining that the big Rockefeller banks really own and control VEPCO, which claims "poverty."

Chanting "Say no to VEPCO, stop the rate increase," and "Roll back VEPCO," these Black and white workers, ranging in age from small children to the elderly,

carried carefully made effigies of VEPCO President T. Justin Moore, Governor Mills Godwin (a former \$25,000-a-year VEPCO lawyer), and Preston Shannon (one of the three gubernatorially appointed State Corporation Commissioners).

The demonstrators marched to local VEPCO offices in defiance of earlier threats from VEPCO officials, that they would be arrested for trespassing if they dared to set foot on the property of this "public utility." While the march organizers met inside with company representatives, the marchers sat down on the lawn outside the building or stood along the highway calling out to other workers passing by in cars to stop and join in. CULA member Jim Harlow got on the PA system and briefly explained that VEPCO is a profit-hungry monopoly with nothing but contempt for the masses of consumers who pay its skyrocketing bills and face quick cutoffs of service if they are unable to pay.

The action was concluded by the hanging in effigy of Moore, Shannon, and Godwin from a convenient pole supporting the VEPCO sign outside the building.

## Mayaguez company in with Pentagon

# Cargo ship or gunrunner?

By PETE PERKINS  
NEW YORK, June 4—In 1969 Litton Industries president Roy Ash was offered and accepted a Cabinet-level position in the Nixon administration as the budget director. Litton was forced to divest itself of several profitable, war-related subsidiaries including the Sea-Land Corporation, also known as SeaTrain.

SeaTrain is in the news today as the owner of the Mayaguez.

The highest bidder for Litton's prize subsidiary was the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In 1970 the Mayaguez was one of several SeaTrain container ships that ran military cargo into Saigon from Okinawa, Manila, and Bangkok, Thailand. The war-related operations of the Mayaguez and sister ships showed a profit of \$24 million for the year 1970.

Saigon was the focal point of this profitable trade route, so when Saigon fell on May 1, so did the corporate profits of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Their gun-running operations had to be shifted to Thailand and substantially scaled down. In mid-May the peace-loving Mayaguez set sail on troubled waters, destined for Thailand.

## SET-UP JOB

The Mayaguez never made it to Thailand. The seizure of the Mayaguez in Cambodian waters by the Cambodian Navy was termed by President Gerald Ford an "act of piracy" that demanded military retaliation. The owners of SeaTrain chimed in that they couldn't agree more.

As a strange coincidence, within 24 hours of the seizure of the Mayaguez, SeaTrain was awarded a \$48 million contract by the

Pentagon to build two new ships at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Were the Mayaguez and its crew used as bait in the trap for an international incident similar to the U-2 incident or the Gulf of Tonkin episode?

Perhaps the man best qualified to answer this question is Gordon Grey, a member of the board of directors of R.J. Reynolds. Mr. Grey is also a member of the Foreign Intelligence Advisors Board, a parallel agency to the National Security Council. He has "served" in both capacities since the 1950s.

## PRIVATE PROPERTY

One of the most obvious aspects of the Mayaguez incident was the emphasis on the value of property over lives—even American lives. (You can take for granted that Washington and the Pentagon don't give a damn about Cambodian lives.) 40 marines died so that SeaTrain could recover the Mayaguez. Ford still gloats about it as a marvelous "victory."

Those marines were not pulled off the beach until 10 hours after the Mayaguez and her entire crew had been recovered. This resulted in 20 dead and 80 wounded out of an assault force of 200 marines. Similarly, the aerial bombardment of the Cambodian mainland got started after the recovery of the ship and its crew.

What was Ford up to? Common sense would tell us that his goal was a "preemptive air strike" against the Cambodian and Vietnamese Air Forces of captured U.S. planes, which number in the hundreds. Ford says he was protecting the Mayaguez crewmen—who were sleeping comfortably aboard a U.S. bat-

tle-ship. But he was really trying to restore the bullying, invincible image of U.S. imperialism so tattered after its humiliating defeats in Indochina.

Isn't it fitting that R.J. Reynolds, who gave us the machismo of Camel filters, should also give us the Macho Mayaguez? None of it could have happened if Ford, Rockefeller, Kissinger, Gordon Grey, and the other plotters had to be the sucker-bait marines who got their asses kicked trying to assault Tang Island.

# Prosecution backs down, drops felonies in Marlene Kennedy case

Special to WORKERS WORLD

BUFFALO, June 2—Amidst ever-growing support and national publicity for the struggle of the Seneca Traditionalists, felony charges against Marlene Kennedy were reduced to misdemeanors tonight in nearby Brant, N.Y. Marlene, an Indian woman who refused to pay utility bills in an effort to make the corporations using Seneca land negotiate with the Indians, had fired warning shots in the air when state troopers and Niagara Mohawk Power Co. officials surrounded her home-trailer on January 9.

Supporters from the Seneca Traditionalists and the Buffalo branch of Youth Against War & Fascism-Workers World Party filled the courtroom tonight. While the ruling represents a partial victory, the Senecas are challenging the right of New York State courts to try her at all, since Seneca treaty rights establish

national sovereignty for Marlene and her people.

## "STATE'S WEAK CASE"

The State's case against Marlene is so full of holes that even the grand jury in Erie County which was to indict her had to reject the charges. These were reduced to "menacing" and "reckless endangerment in the second degree."

The Seneca Traditionalists' struggle to defend their rights as a sovereign people goes far beyond a New York State judge, however, who has no right to try a case which occurred on land outside the jurisdiction of the U.S. Maintaining this, Marlene refused to enter a plea at her June 2 arraignment.

The Senecas, along with their legal advisor, Meredith Quinn, and supporters from Youth Against War & Fascism in Washington, D.C., and Buffalo, recently took the case of the defense of their land against invasions by outside

corporations and the state police to the Justice Department and the U.S. Congress, to raise the case as a treaty violation.

While the Seneca Traditionalists were recognized under treaties as a sovereign nation, the government has constantly reneged on these treaties, violating the Indians' rights time and time again.

The Senecas will be going back to Congress this summer to defend their treaty rights. Funds are urgently needed for this struggle. Forcing Congress to comply with the treaty it signed would not only be a major victory for the Senecas, but for all Native American Indians who are facing the same struggle.

Defend Indian treaty rights, free Marlene Kennedy!

Send funds and messages of support to Marlene Indian Defense Committee, 730 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14202. Phone: (716) 855-3055.

# Workers answer Spain's latest anti-labor law with general strike

By SHARON SHELTON  
NEW YORK, June 8—In open defiance of the Franco regime's latest effort to outlaw strikes, over 100,000 Spanish workers in the Madrid area walked off their jobs and joined militant anti-government street demonstrations June 4.

The general strike and street struggles also were in protest of brutal government repression against the Basque liberation struggle and the closing of several Spanish universities.

The protests came only a week after the Franco regime passed a new anti-strike law, which not only reiterates previous legislation outlawing strikes, but gives bosses the right to fire striking workers on the spot.

## MASS ARRESTS

According to UPI reports, over 400 workers and students were arrested by the fascist Franco police, who fired tear and nausea gases into the crowds of anti-government demonstrators who gathered in working-class neighborhoods.

It is significant that the Madrid workers included an end to repression in the Basque country as one of their grievances against the government. For decades, the Basques have fought the Franco government for national self-determination, and the militancy of their struggle has without

question accelerated the workers' upsurge throughout the country.

In recent weeks, police repression of the Basques has been stepped up—especially in the period immediately before Ford's May 31 visit which was aimed at reaffirming the U.S. alliance with the ultra-rightist regime. Martial law has been declared in the Basque provinces, and although there has been a government-ordered blackout of news on the Basque struggle, reports out of Spain indicate that from April 25 to May 13, more than 2,000 people were arrested and hundreds of these tortured.

## BASQUE STRUGGLE

In Burgos, five Basques, including a priest, were court-martialed on unsubstantiated charges of "terrorism" and the death penalty demanded as an "example to other terrorists." Now the prosecutor says he is seeking harsh sentences of 25 years at hard labor instead of the death penalty for four of the five and 20 years at hard labor for the priest.

So frantic are Franco's fascist police to stop the Basque struggle that the June 6 Wall Street Journal reports they have even gone into southern France and arrested Basque exiles. Also, according to Nuevo Dia, a newspaper published in Puerto Rico, a Basque exile center in France was recently bombed with one killed and two

hurt. French police found leaflets at the scene issued by a right-wing Spanish organization, which said that the bombing was a warning to Marxists that they will "pay for their terrorism."

It was actually a general strike in the Basque country last December that set off the struggles of the working class throughout the country leading up to the Madrid general strike.

Spanish workers are the hardest hit in Europe with a minimum wage of a bare 90 cents a day, a work week of 44 hours, and a rate of inflation that has reached a record 20 percent, according to the June 8 New York Times.

The U.S. has over \$2 billion invested in Spain, and an additional 1,500 Spanish firms are controlled outright by U.S. interests. Yet, as a recent edition of Business Week so tellingly reports: "Multinational companies lured to Spain with promises of low-cost workers and government controlled unions are watching their dreams go up in smoke." Strikes against U.S. multinationals in recent months have taken place at two General Electric plants at Bilbao, at Babcock & Wilcox, Co., and at two of Westinghouse's plants.

## U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE

Also infuriating the Spanish workers—and other layers of the population, as well—is the U.S. military presence in Spain. The

U.S. base at Rota is of enormous strategic importance to U.S. imperialism, both because it furnishes a convenient base of operations against the Portuguese revolution, since it is located only an hour's drive from the Portuguese border, and because of its proximity to the Straits of Gibraltar, 60 miles to the south. Almost every Sixth Fleet ship entering or leaving the Mediterranean stops at the Rota base for refueling or supplies. Some 10,000 U.S. troops and their families make their homes there. Also, the submarines at Rota make up an important part of the U.S. nuclear undersea system, with each sub carrying 16 Poseidon missiles capable of sending multiple warheads to any target in the Mediterranean.

And the base at Rota would assume even greater importance if Portugal asked the U.S. to leave the Azores—something not at all lost on the Pentagon and Ford, who are pushing for Spain's inclusion in NATO in recognition of its strategic importance to imperialist interests.

It is revealing of how isolated U.S. imperialism has become that Ford and the Pentagon must count so heavily on this tottering fascist ally. Surely it is only a matter of time before the Spanish workers rise up in open rebellion and send Franco and U.S. imperialism in Spain to their long overdue end.



While Franco still presides at Madrid, the U.S. can no longer enforce its will on the country.

## U.S. aids repression

# Torture

By CONNIE HARRIS

NEW YORK, June 7—The brutal repression of dissidents in Latin America continues unabated.

In his May 24 column in the New York Post, Jack Anderson lists the reports he has received of imprisonment and torture in Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile.

In Brazil, noted for its U.S.-trained military police, Alanir Cardoso was subjected to 10 days of continuous torture, apparently for no greater crime than being the friend of a U.S. missionary who was expelled from Brazil after being brutalized by the military police.

In Bolivia repression is widespread, its target ranging from university professors to factory workers. In particular, Bolivia's dictator, Hugo Banzer, has turned on Catholic Church leaders because of a report by priests about the "Massacre of the Valley," an attack by Banzer's troops against a peasant demonstration. Banzer claimed that the attack killed only 13 peasants, but the priests reported there were 100 deaths. In retaliation, the dictator closed down a church radio station, expelled two foreign missionaries, and sent his security men to intimidate the archbishop of La Paz

## Balaguer govt. in Dominican Republic panics

# 'Invasion' pretext for mass arrests

By P. MEISNER

NEW YORK, June 9—The bloody dictatorship of puppet President Joaquin Balaguer in the Dominican Republic is showing signs of panic. On the phony pretext of a guerilla boat landing originating from Cuba, Balaguer has just arrested more than 200 Dominican progressives. Troops have been stationed all around the capital, Santo Domingo, in a virtual state of siege. (Balaguer later confirmed the fraudulent character of the report by acknowledging that it was a "false alarm.")

Among those arrested were Francisco Antonio Santos, head of the General Confederation of Labor (CGT), and the leader of the Popular Dominican Movement (MPD), David Onelio Espallat.

## EXPLOSION BUILDING UP

Balaguer's panic-stricken regime is being confronted by a growing mass opposition, threatening the 9-year-old police dictatorship. The regime is considered so shaky that the imperialist press is reporting that the political atmosphere in Santo Domingo much resembles the pre-1965 period. The "liberal" New York Times of June 6 reported:

"The tight grip that the military-backed regime keeps on this traditionally volatile Caribbean nation was evidenced on April 28 when it blocked demonstrations by university students that had been planned to mark the anniversary of the United States intervention in the 1965 civil war.

"But beneath the surface tranquility there is growing discontent with the repression and

corruption of the conservative Government of Joaquin Balaguer and mounting resentment at the open support it receives from the United States.

"Because of Dr. Balaguer's close association with the United States, the numerous anti-Government movements that have emerged over the last decade have invariably expressed strong anti-American sentiment. Foreign diplomats here also believe that large-scale economic and military aid from the United States has played a major role in insuring the survival of the Balaguer Government."

## BALAGUER AND TRUJILLO

Balaguer was dictator Fulgencio Trujillo's political right hand up until Trujillo was assassinated on May 30, 1961, by a Dominican generals' coup organized by the CIA. (The agency's role in that assassination was admitted by no less than Frank Sturgis, convicted Watergate burglar and "plumber.")

The CIA assassination came just in time to prevent an anti-U.S. as well as anti-Trujillo opposition from exploding into a full-fledged revolution. Washington let Balaguer continue on as president for 9 months, but he remained a symbol and holdover of the Trujillo dictatorship. He was then "eased" into exile in New York but was eventually to return to Santo Domingo in 1966. Washington and Wall Street had a hard time finding a reliable puppet in Santo Domingo somehow not connected with the butcher regime of Trujillo.

In the meantime, a mass anti-U.S. and anti-imperialist opposition was again mounting in late

1962 which enabled the moderate liberal Juan Bosch to win the first (and maybe the last under imperialist rule) honest election ever held in the Dominican Republic. But Bosch's government could only last a few months into 1963 before Washington moved in again to "protect its investments" in the island republic and overthrow Bosch by unleashing some of the old Trujillo "gorilla" generals.

## 1965 REVOLUTION

The new Trujillist dictatorship did not, however, hold on very long before the greatest mass upheaval in Santo Domingo's history overthrew the dictatorship on April 24, 1965. But U.S. imperialism would not let this island's people determine their own destiny. It took more than 40,000 U.S. troops, the U.S. Navy and Air Force, and a 4-month war to crush that heroic people's rebellion. And it was not until July 1966 that the U.S. withdrew its last troops, after staging a completely rigged election to install Balaguer (from New York) as puppet president.

Since, then, Balaguer has maintained himself in power by carrying out systematic massacres and arrests of political opponents, from moderate liberal to revolutionary left. Moreover, Balaguer's political survival has rested completely on U.S. imperialist shoulders—to the tune of \$500 million in military aid, matched by a \$500 million investment by U.S. monopolies, such as Gulf and Western.

But the anti-imperialist movement of the Dominican masses is moving fast to make sure Balaguer's regime does not last through its 10th year. The

Dominican workers and peasants have not forgotten for one moment their heroic resistance of 10 years ago against the Yankee colossus. And they are determined this time to throw out the U.S. monopolies, the Trujillista generals, and the Balaguers once and for all.

## Crisis in the colony: Part II

# Militant P.R. cement

By JULIO GHIGLIOTTY

NEW YORK, June 9—The strike against the Puerto Rican Cement Company by the Cement Industry Operators and Quarry Workers Union is now in its fourth month. These workers, numbering less than 500, have withstood the combined might of the most powerful Puerto Rican ruling class family, the Ferres, and the colonial government aided by the FBI.

From the very beginning the company has used every means available to discredit the union and its leaders and break the unity of the workers. In February, the company brought charges before the National Labor Relations Board in Puerto Rico claiming the union had violated the Taft-Hartley Act by not giving sufficient notice of the strike to mediation and arbitration representatives. It further charged that the union failed to inform the company of the old contract's expiration before going on strike.

Carlos Gallisa, the union's legal counsel, responded to the charges by pointing out that mediation and arbitration representatives had been notified as of November 24, 1974, and that the company had

been notified of the contract's expiration in the required amount of time. "The (company's) accusations have no validity and are simply being used to avoid negotiations," he said. "Yet, the company claims it is the union which doesn't want to negotiate."

The company's defamatory campaign included insinuations that cement workers receive salaries as high as \$14,000 annually. Gallisa pointed out that a worker would have to put in a 70-hour week to earn that kind of money.

## COMPANY TRIES TO CUT WORKERS' GAINS

The demands presented to the company by the union since November 1974 were outlined by Efrain Fernandez, president of the Cement Workers Union, in an interview in the April 28 issue of Claridad, the Puerto Rican Socialist Party's (PSP) newspaper. These are:

1) A 40-hour week and an end to obligatory overtime. Before the strike, the cement workers were often forced to work up to 80 hours a week.

2) A medical plan with complete coverage. This demand was met in



military parades, his dictatorship  
the Spanish people.

in Chile, Bolivia, Brazil

## in Latin America

and the Bishop of Santa Cruz. From Chile, where imprisonment and torture have been virtually the order of the day since the overthrow of the government of Salvador Allende by the fascist junta, Anderson received a list of 231 names of desaparecidos—people who have disappeared into prisons. It is believed that most of them have been tortured to death, but inquiries by families and friends have failed to uncover any information at all.

### LABOR LEADERS KILLED

Also, in Chile, it was reported by a fact-finding commission of the International Labor Organization, an agency of the UN, that perhaps as many as 110 labor leaders had been tortured to death or executed by the end of 1973 for no other reason than that they were trade unionists.

Although the Chilean government denied this was the reason for their execution or murder, the commission concluded that the evidence it had gathered from both testimony and personal investigations in Chile itself made it clear that the government intended to "eliminate or prevent any large-scale opposition to its policy" by trade unions or their leaders.

## strike in 4th month

the last contract, but the company wants to cut it now—one of the primary reasons for the strike. "Because of the excessive amounts of dust under which we work, we always suffer from throat diseases; trouble breathing, catarrh, bronchitis, and who knows what other diseases," explained the young labor leader.

3) An adequate and secure pension plan, including medical coverage, for retired workers and those about to retire.

4) A \$1.50-an-hour pay raise for the first year. "The cost of living goes up and up," Fernandez exclaimed, "but the bosses don't even want to talk about a pay raise."

5) Job safety. "We demand that we be supplied with dust control equipment," he said. He described parts of the plant as being "like a tunnel without ventilation where great quantities of dust concentrate."

### COMPANY UNLEASHES TERRORISM

Since the strike began January 31, the company has used the services of armed guards from Security Associates, a private

## U.S. imperialism and the Korean 'question,' Part II

# Korea 1950: Cold War gets hot

By ANDY STAPP

NEW YORK, JUNE 9— From its very inception, the police regime set up by the U.S. over south Korea three decades ago has been marked by extreme instability. Three million people participated in a general strike against this hated fascist state in September 1946, when it was not yet a year old.

In the May 1950 "elections," south Korea's pro-U.S. puppet dictator Syngman Rhee received only 20 percent of the popular vote while his party captured a mere 45 seats in the 210 member "National Assembly."

Rhee's fear that he would soon be

toppled was one important factor in persuading him that his only salvation lay in a war against the Democratic People's (DPRK) in the north. He knew that if the cold war between world capitalism and world socialism turned hot on the Korean peninsula, he could count on massive support from U.S. imperialism to keep in power his tottering government, which made extreme "anti-communism" a sort of state religion.

### U.S. ECONOMIC EXPANSION BEHIND KOREAN WAR

On the whole, however, the cause of the Korean war lay far more in the political and economic drive of U.S. big business for global expansion than in the narrow clique needs of Syngman Rhee.

In 1950 the U.S. government faced a profound crisis in all spheres of its foreign policy. The victory of the socialist revolution in China, Eastern Europe, and north Korea had removed huge areas of the world from capitalist exploitation. Anti-colonial rebellions like the one against the French in

Indochina promised to break the grip of imperialism over tens of millions more oppressed people.

On May 15, 1950, the New York Journal of Commerce predicted "a coming recession as serious as that of 1931" unless the Truman administration found some way "to inject fresh life into the economy."

On June 1 Syngman Rhee boasted in an interview with the United Press International that he could "occupy Pyongyang" (the DPRK capital) within 3 days.

Twenty-four days later, south Korean soldiers moved north in large numbers across the border. The war had begun.

Wall Street went wild with delight. "The Korean outbreak chased away the ghost of the depression that had been haunting business in the U.S. since the end of World War II," crowed U.S. News & World Report.

### PUPPET ARMY FOLDS

Dispatches coming back from the front lines in Korea were not so cheery. Syngman Rhee's army had collapsed and the dictator had fled to Tokyo taking his American wife

and the nation's gold reserves with him.

Within 6 weeks the Korean People's Army augmented by 400,000 southern volunteers, had liberated 90 percent of south Korean territory and 92 percent of the populace. The entire U.S. 24th Division, encircled at Taejun, surrendered in mid-summer along with its commander, General William F. Dean. In 1950 even more so than today, the U.S. government called the shots at the UN. Seizing advantage of the absence of the Soviet delegation, which had walked out of the Security Council in protest over the refusal of the "world body" to seat People's China, Truman rammed through a virtual UN declaration of war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

To stave off complete defeat, the U.S. rounded up troops from 15 satellite countries, including France, Britain, Australia, the Philippines, Holland, New Zealand, Thailand, Greece, Turkey, Ethiopia, Colombia, Belgium, Canada, and South Africa

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Striking cement workers in Puerto Rico. Their strength and unity in the face of a determined attack by bosses and colonial masters has given the Puerto Rican working class a renewed sense of its power.  
Photo: Claridad

dropped May 12 after no probable cause was found by the court. Evidence brought forth by the police did not stand up. The possession of arms charge was suspended May 15 after the accuser declared he had no interest in pushing the charge anymore.

Other workers have been picked up and accused of carrying explosives or arms, of sabotaging company equipment, threatening scabs' lives and of physically attacking them. On May 26, six union members were arrested. Two of them were accused of beating up a scab who could not accurately identify them, and four were accused of assault and battery. The last four arrests occurred after scabs began throwing rocks at the picketers—who were then themselves arrested for throwing rocks, related a union official.

This same source reported that another scab came on the picket line armed with a gun looking for Efrain Fernandez and declaring that he was going to kill him. Despite the presence of many cops, the union official went on, the scab was not held; instead the police escorted him back to the plant.

### GOV'T AGENCIES USED TO BREAK STRIKE

Ten striking cement workers were denied food stamps by the Office of Social Services on May 30, according to the June 2 issue of Claridad. The workers were told by an official that the food stamps would be withheld pending an

investigation of their case because the strike was supposedly over! The same official, the workers reported, told them that they had to "get rid of Fernandez and Gallisa." This would "guarantee progress in the negotiations."

### AFL-CIO UNION ACTS AS STRIKEBREAKER

Having failed to break the strike—and the union—with the many means available to the ruling class, the Ferre family is now trying to break the workers with another union.

The Seafarers' International Union (SIU), AFL-CIO, is now doing the bosses' dirty work by bringing before the NLRB a petition for the representation of the workers at the Puerto Rican Cement Company. The SIU has been recruiting unemployed workers in the Ponce area to scab at the Puerto Rican Cement Company. The SIU is presenting the signatures of these scabs to the NLRB as those of workers wishing their representation.

This tactic provides the company with an excuse for not negotiating—a jurisdictional dispute between unions.

This kind of tactic received overwhelming condemnation by the progressive labor movement in Puerto Rico when the Teamsters union tried it—and failed—at the Telephone Authority. A massive solidarity movement with the Puerto Rican Cement Company workers has been building during

the last few months. Thousands have demonstrated against the SIU in different areas of the island, including rank-and-file members of the union itself.

The United Workers Movement (MOU) has called on the "new syndicalism" in Puerto Rico to unite behind the Puerto Rican Cement Company workers. The MOU has also declared that the SIU will be subject to "a taste of their own medicine" as independent unions will be filing petitions for representation in plants and shops represented by SIU.

An assembly of 53 labor leaders of the "new syndicalism" strike adopted a plan for support of the cement workers that includes projected mass picket lines and financial support for the strike.

### CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS

The ability of a relatively small union to withstand the might of the organized ruling class because of the solidarity of its sister organizations reflects the high level of class consciousness which the Puerto Rican working class has attained in the last few years. This is a working class which is learning in these few short, difficult years that the roots of their problems are deeply imbedded in the nature of the capitalist, colonial system in Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican working class is quickly becoming aware of its power and gaining confidence in itself.

## EDITORIAL

## Congress feeds the war machine

All that brave talk emanating from Congress over the past year about "cutting military spending down to size" evaporated last Thursday when the U.S. Senate buckled down to its annual chore of greasing the axles of the Pentagon juggernaut, which is demanding a record-shattering \$94 billion of our tax money.

The members of "the greatest deliberative body in the world" didn't bother to deliberate very long before handing the military brass the \$25 billion it had demanded for new weapons. One hour and 40 minutes of secret discussion from which the public was completely excluded satisfied these honorable gentlemen on the virtue of giving the Army command the lethal and super-expensive "improvements" on the Minuteman III missile system that these Strangeloves had insisted upon.

A feeble attempt to prevent the armed forces from increasing the number of combat divisions from 13 to 16 was defeated in a lopsided vote of 70 to 2.

The same week that Congress was rubber-stamping his bloated military weapons budget, President Ford vetoed a \$5-billion jobs bill as "inflationary." This jobs bill, which cost one-fifth the amount Congress just allocated for new weapons procurement, would have provided 900,000 full-time and 850,000 summer jobs. The weak-kneed Congress, naturally, accepted Ford's job veto.

With unemployment at an all-time high, the government's riotous spending on militarism, spending which can only cause more mind-boggling inflation, can only be viewed as a total insult to the American people who are now suffering unemployment at depression levels.

For over a decade people in the U.S. have hoped that the end of the Indochina fighting would mean that long-postponed but essential human needs would finally take priority over the insatiable demands of the war machine. Instead, the Pentagon, Rockefeller, Ford, and Schlesinger are insisting that even more billions be squandered on militarism. Ford made this brutally clear when speaking at West Point June 4:

"Because the United States is today at peace," he said, "there are some who want to cut back on defense spending and put these dollars into their own pet domestic projects."

What pet projects is he talking about? Decent medical care for those who can't afford it? Better schools for the children? Jobs for the millions of unemployed? Livable housing for the millions who are condemned to the city's decaying fire traps? Good cheap food for the countless elderly people who go to bed hungry every night?

These things, which Ford sneeringly dismisses, are actually *human rights!*

The real pet project of both Ford and the capitalist and imperialist ruling class as a whole, is *military spending*, which has consumed well over *one trillion dollars* of the people's wealth in the last 20 years.

## CIA report: a hint of the iron heel

The Rockefeller Commission's report on the CIA has been released and, although much is concealed, the investigation confirms that despite its facade of bourgeois democracy, the U.S. already has many characteristics of an out-and-out police state. Rockefeller's panel, by its own admission, found that the CIA engaged in "large scale and substantial" secret police activities within the borders of the country in direct violation of the National Security Act of 1947.

The government study concedes that these activities included:—Operation CHAOS, a massive CIA surveillance plot that kept tabs on 300,000 U.S. citizens through the use of undercover agents.

—Wiretapping, burglaries, and electronic room bugging.

—Kidnapping and prolonged imprisonment of individuals who were held, sometimes for years, without trial and without even being charged.

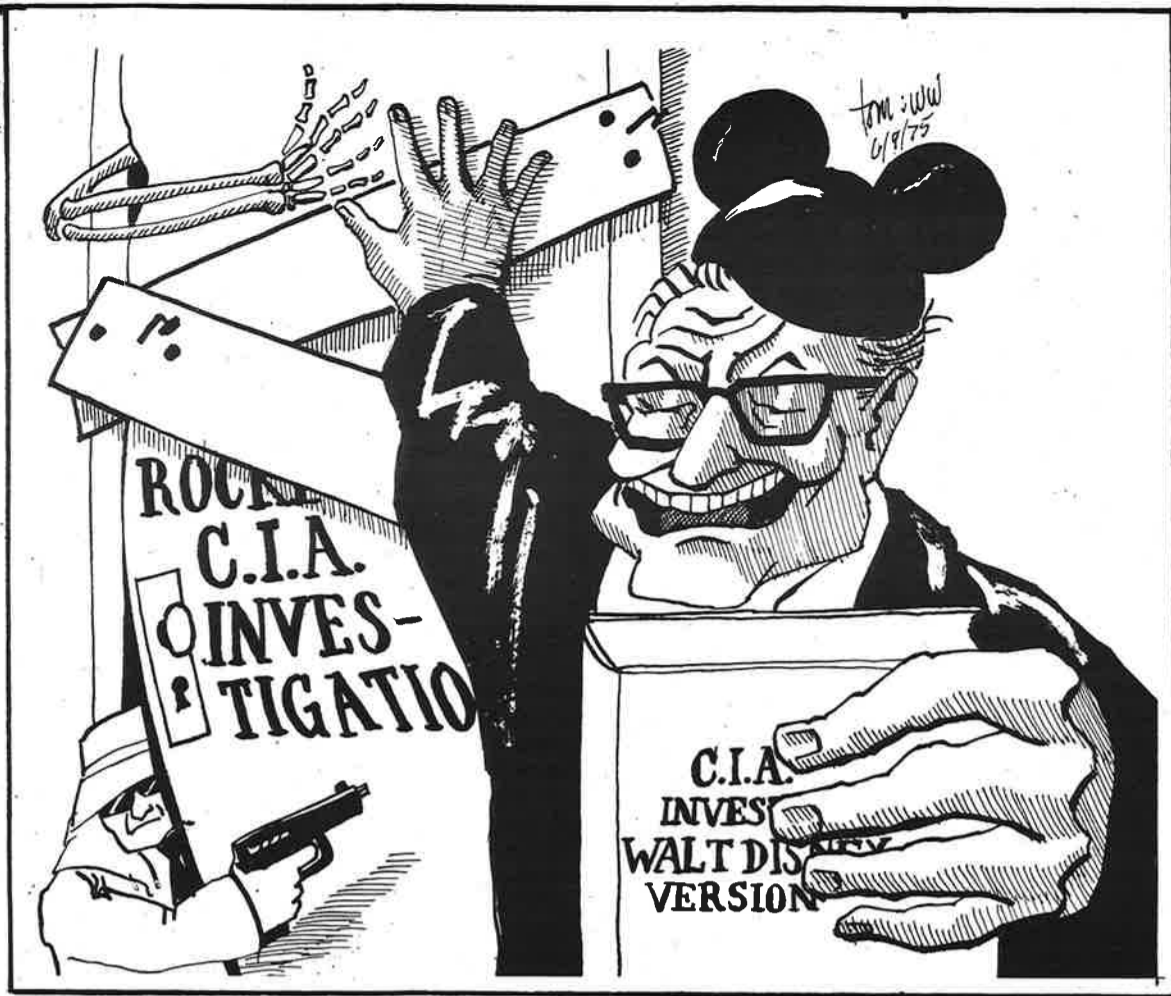
—Murder, in at least one case, by secretly dosing a victim with the drug LSD and causing him to commit suicide.

—Keeping computer dossiers on 7 million Americans.

—Setting up a sinister drug project which, in the words of the Rockefeller commission, "was part of a much larger CIA program to study possible means of controlling human behavior. Other studies explored the effects of radiation, electric shock, psychology, psychiatry, sociology and harassment substances."

This is the method of the Gestapo, the CIA's forerunner. The Rockefeller findings confirm totally the Leninist theory that the capitalist state is an instrument of violence unrestricted by law, a dictatorship of which the secret police are the most integral part.

While dissident factions within the ruling class may want to cut down what it considers excesses, or exert more control over the secret police, it will leave the 1984-type police infrastructure intact. To abolish this hated force of repression altogether will be the task of the masses of poor and working people who are its intended victims.



## YAWF and WWP sponsor Indochina victory meeting

By BOB TISHLER

ROCHESTER, June 1—Over 100 people gathered here yesterday to celebrate the victories of the Indochinese people at a public meeting sponsored by Youth Against War & Fascism and Workers World Party. The program included the movie "The 79 Springs of Ho Chi Minh" and a speaker Vu Qung Viet, a Vietnamese student who talked about the struggle for independence and the future of Vietnam.

The movie reviewed the tremendous sacrifices made by the Vietnamese in their long struggle against the colonialist and imperialist invaders of their country. When Viet opened his talk by saying, "I am very happy to be here and to speak to you as a citizen of a completely independent country," he was greeted with spirited and enthusiastic applause. The speaker went on to pay tribute to the American people for their vigorous opposition to American aggression in Indochina. The victory was not just a victory for the Indochinese people, he said,

but for progressive people throughout the world. It was a victory of justice over injustice and of civilization over barbarity.

His talk went on to describe the revolutionary government's policy of national reconciliation and how that policy has exposed the capitalist myth of a "bloodbath"—the myth used so long to justify continued U.S. aggression towards the Vietnamese people.

## NEUTRALITY AND INTERNATIONALISM

Viet explained that the new government of South Vietnam will carry on foreign relations with any country, regardless of its political viewpoint, with the provision that it respect the freedom, national sovereignty, and independence of Vietnam.

His speech ended with the statement, "We believe the

friendship of the American and Vietnamese people, which began during the difficult time of war, will flourish and blossom during this time of peace. We believe that you will never hesitate in contribution your efforts and support to rebuild not only Vietnam, but all of Indochina, ten times more beautiful than before."

Lydia Bayoneta, who spoke on behalf of Workers World Party, concluded the meeting by saluting the victorious peoples of Indochina, and the example and inspiration they have provided.

But, she warned, U.S. imperialism will continue to try to reassert itself in other areas of the world, such as the Middle East, Korea, the Philippines, and Latin America. We must therefore remain vigilant and be ready to act whenever and wherever imperialism rears its ugly head.

Korean people and their army, led by General Kim Il Sung, the Chinese People's Volunteers met the test of true working class internationalism and joined the battle to help repel the imperialist armies. Material support was also given by the Soviet Union and other workers' states.

The U.S. military was pushed out of the north back to the 38th parallel where the war had begun. Fighting continued for the next 2½ years, during which all north Korean cities, towns, and villages were completely destroyed by savage U.S. bombing. But despite their numerous offensive operations, every U.S. and puppet attack aimed at breaking through the front, most notably General Mark Clark's attempts to capture the strategically vital Hill 1,211 (dubbed "Heartbreak Ridge" by the GIs), was repulsed.

The U.S. expended on Korea 11 times the amount of war materials it had used in the Pacific theatre during World War II and suffered 397,543 killed, wounded, or captured. All hope of victory gone, Eisenhower finally agreed to sign an armistice with the DPRK in July 1953.

This truce, however, did not solve the "Korea problem." (Next: A new Korean war coming?)

## LETTERS

Dear People:

Recently, Workers World publicly thanked all the readers who responded to an appeal for donations to cover the cost of prisoners' subscriptions. I am one of these prisoners and I would like to also thank all those who have helped in making my subscription possible. I am forever grateful and would like for them to know. If you will, please print this letter in Workers World and if some good brother or sister would like to correspond with one of the thankful recipients of their generosity, please feel free to contact me.

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## -Korea

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and rushed them into the fighting.

The Pentagon also hurried one-third of its entire combat army units, one-fifth of its air force, and most of its fleet to the war zone. Under the impact of this assault by 2 million foreign and puppet troops, the KPA carried out a difficult but temporary retreat toward the Chinese border.

## THE SHINCHUN MASSACRE

During the brief U.S. military occupation of northern Korea, some of the worst massacres ever recorded by history were carried out against the population. In a monstrous My Lai-type operation, the U.S. 8th Army slaughtered 35,000 residents of Shinshun County, near Pyongyang, to punish them for supporting local partisan forces that had ambushed an American patrol. While in Korea during 1971, this writer saw the air-raid shelters and barns where many of these unfortunates were buried and burned alive.

In December 1950, when the situation appeared darkest for the

*It won't bring new jobs*

# Behind the 'arms deal of the century'

By SAM MARCY

NEW YORK, June 9—Karl Marx once said that a 10 to 20 percent profit will interest the capitalist only moderately, a 20 to 30 percent profit will excite him, a 50 percent profit might send him into delirium, and if an opportunity for a 100 percent profit offers itself, "there is not a crime in the world he will not commit to achieve it."

## U.S. VS. NATO ALLIES

Basically that's what is behind the U.S. sale of the F-16 fighter bomber—the contract of the century—to Belgium, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands. A bribe of half a million dollars whose exposure led to attempted suicide by General Paul Stehlin, a former Vice President of the French National Assembly, is only the very tip of the iceberg in a mammoth undercover war carried out by the U.S. military-industrial complex against its NATO allies.

The U.S. has finally forced them to capitulate and accept the jet fighters built by the General Dynamics Corporation. Initially the deal is supposed to amount to about \$2 billion, but it is estimated that over the next few years, when mass production is resumed in full swing, the business generated is likely to climb to at least \$25 billion (U.S. News and World Report, June 9).

The Pentagon's public relations department lost no time in touting its coup and claiming that "tens of thousands of Americans all across the country, from Fort Worth in Texas to Missouri and Connecticut will now be able to get jobs" and that this will give a "real impetus" to an upturn in the economy. Actually, this is not likely to be the case at all, except for several thousand in the Fort Worth, Texas, area—and that only somewhere around 1980.

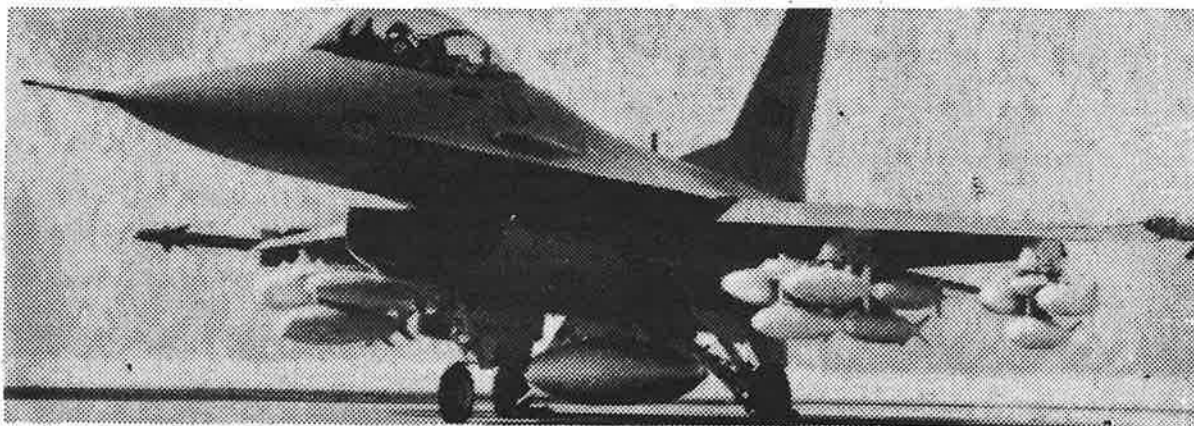
However, the broader implications of this deal are bound to have far more significance for the American working class and for the Europeans than the trickle of employment (considering that there are now more than 10 million unemployed here) which the Pentagon's PR men began to tout so quickly and which the capitalist media were so eager to drum into the ears of the American people.

## IRON GRIP OVER EUROPE

To begin with, this year was supposed to be "the year of Europe," according to Kissinger's formula. It was going to be a time when the American ruling class would become more "considerate" of its European allies. Vague hints here and there were spread that the U.S. was at last going to loosen its grip on the European economy. For after all, "America," to quote former president Johnson, "was the daughter of Europe."

The F-16 contract, if that's what it can be called, must come as a shock to any Europeans who were taken in by the unctuous phrases of the Kissinger-Rockefeller-Ford team.

This contract puts the NATO countries in an iron grip tighter than at any time since the end of the Second World War. It foists upon them a type of military equipment which makes them more dependent than ever upon the U.S. It burdens them with back-breaking costs in armaments which Europe, even in its heyday, could not bear. Moreover, it not



The F-16 fighter-bomber sale to Europe may bring millions in profits to General Dynamics, but it won't end the U.S. economic depression.

only poisons relations between the smaller European countries and the French, who were competing for the contract against the U.S., but it also militates against the slender thread of solidarity between the American workers and the European proletariat.

Of course, all the NATO countries, including France, are imperialist competitors and have a direct interest in mutual antagonism. The only considerations which bind them together are the fear of socialist revolution at home and the calculation that this military order will operate as a weapon aimed at the Arab countries and also against the USSR.

Included in their calculations is also the possibility of resale of the F-16s to underdeveloped areas of the world where the U.S. has not securely tied down the market.

The mammoth proportions of the sale bring into focus the question of whether this can really be regarded as a sale in the economic sense of the word.

## STAKES FOR IMPERIALISM GO BEYOND F-16 CONTRACT

A sale of a few thousand Cadillacs or a few million bushels of wheat or corn generally brings cash on the barrelhead (or short-term credit). It's not so with huge arms sales. In this particular case it is not a sale based on ordinary economic and financial considerations at all. Rather, the overriding considerations in the contract were political, and the U.S. government, acting for the ruling class as a whole, is subsidizing General Dynamics in order to make the deal possible. The profits for U.S. imperialism lie not in this particular contract alone, but in its broader political implications in the struggle between U.S. and European imperialism for hegemony.

The U.S. aircraft industry, more than almost any other in this country, is highly subsidized by the federal government, through such devices as tax write-offs, loans, and cost overruns on government contracts, and is extremely intertwined with it. It's the very heart of the military-industrial complex—the personnel between the private aircraft companies and the federal government exchange posts so rapidly that often they merely wear different hats on different occasions, as suits the situation.

Thus in the competition between the General Dynamics F-16s and the French Mirages, economic considerations such as the cost of the plane are under no circumstances regarded as the primary factor. On the contrary, it is strictly a struggle between two imperialist states, the Wall Street-Pentagon colossus banking all it can on its General Dynamics entry

while the Bourse gives its all to selling the Mirages—a highly unequal struggle. The widespread publicity claiming that the efficiency of the F-16 plane, its supposed lower unit cost, its maneuverability, etc., were decisive factors, is so much hogwash. It is the strength of U.S. imperialism, which pushed the deal through for political reasons, that defeated France's bid. As a matter of fact, weeks and weeks ago Sulzberger of the New York Times characterized the race between the General Dynamics F-16 and the Dassault Mirage as a "one-horse contest."

Likewise the General Dynamics Corporation and its many subcontractors throughout the country had long ago taken it for granted that the contract was going to be signed, sealed, and delivered and work on it had been progressing for years. The alleged surprise, that now at last tens of thousands of workers will be hired for the assembly and production of the plane, is a gross exaggeration.

The reality of the situation is that since the U.S. was obliged to make concessions to the Europeans because of the tremendous political opposition all over Europe to this new encroachment by the

U.S. monopolies, less workers will be hired than had originally been planned. The concessions mean that about 40 percent of the work on the plane will be done in Europe, which was not originally contemplated.

In the figures which make up so much of the baloney that goes into the economic indicators predicting an "upcoming upturn," the General Dynamics deal has been counted over and over again.

## NO REAL JOBS, BUT GREATER CUTBACKS

But the most important fact regarding this arms deal is that its excessive and exorbitant cost, particularly in the light of the Pentagon's need to make sure that the deal remains closed and sealed, makes itself felt in the budget of the U.S. Given the economic crisis, this giant subsidy of the aircraft industry is paid for through cutbacks of services and jobs by the U.S. federal government, which cancel out any measurable gain—if it can be called that—resulting from the arms deal.

In addition, an arms deal such as this, unlike the sale of a commodity such as civilian machinery or

crops, brings no economic exchange back to the U.S. It only raises the possibility for it. Such was also the case when the U.S. first began to dig with its huge cranes in the area of the Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam. U.S. companies thought they had fantastic prospects for maritime and commercial ventures, given the extraordinary capacity of the Cam Ranh Bay area. But first they had to subdue the Vietnamese people with military terror. Their fantastic prospects soon turned to ashes.

This arms deal on a smaller scale is made of the same cloth. It totally excludes the possibility that revolutionary convulsions may overturn the very officials who executed the deal and who make up the European finance capitalist complex—may indeed overturn the capitalist structure itself. What the F-16 contract has done is to instill a new element of extreme instability in imperialist relations in Europe. It has stimulated new inter-imperialist antagonisms. But it also has raised the wrath of the European working class to a new pitch and added new fuel to the coming revolutionary conflagration in Europe.

For the American working class, it has added no real new jobs but only new parasitic production. This production has diverted highly skilled labor as well as hundreds of thousands of unskilled workers and the most modern technology into wholly unproductive enterprises amidst growing deterioration in industry, skyrocketing inflation, unemployment, and ever-increasing poverty. As against the inter-imperialist antagonism between the U.S. and the European junior partners of American imperialism, the need for greater international class solidarity between American and European workers has never been greater nor had a firmer objective basis.

# \$30 million in bribes used to sell Northrop warplanes

By MOLLY CHARBONEAU

NEW YORK, June 9—Bribery and dirty-dealing on the part of the Northrop Corporation would be easier for working people to overlook if the bribes were aimed at reducing subway and bus fares, providing meaningful jobs, lowering food and rent costs, or opening up badly needed daycare for children of working mothers.

Unfortunately, far from lessening everyday burdens, Northrop's bribes are aimed at furthering wars and destruction from which the company will reap profits at the cost of millions of lives.

The Northrop Corporation manufactures warplanes and relies on wheeler-dealing by a bevy of "sales consultants" to sell its planes. It has paid out at least \$30 million in bribes in recent years.

## BIG-NAME "CONSULTANTS"

Those on the take from Northrop include a wide assortment of international capitalist politicians, lawyers, spies, and generals.

A partial list includes Kermit Roosevelt, grandson of FDR and a former CIA man; Frank J. DeFrancis, former legal counsel to West Germany with many "contacts" in high places; John R.

Blandford, until 1972 the chief consultant to the House Armed Services Committee; General Paul Stehlin, who was Vice President of the French National Assembly while on Northrop's payroll; Prince Charam Pahlevi, a close relative of the Shah of Iran; Wilhelm Franz-Josef Bach, a former German diplomat and member of the West German Parliament; and, of course former President Richard M. Nixon, who in 1972 received an illegal \$150,000 campaign "contribution" from Northrop.

## DIRTY DEALING FOR A LARGE "FEE"

In return for his "fee" (read bribe), each of these illustrious gentlemen was or is expected to pressure for sales of Northrop's murderous hardware, whether it be within his own government or one in which he has "friends."

For example, General Stehlin of France received an average of \$4,900 a year between 1971 and 1974 from Northrop while in the French government. Last November, a letter he wrote to President Giscard d'Estaing in which he pushed Northrop planes over similar French models became public, and he lost his government

job. More successful has been the corrupt career of Kermit Roosevelt, the CIA mastermind of the 1953 coup which deposed Premier Mossadegh of Iran and installed a mass executioner, the present Shah, in his place. Shortly after leaving the CIA, Roosevelt began his Northrop career as a "consultant." He has since become the key death-peddler for Northrop planes in the Middle East, utilizing his vast network of old CIA contacts. High on the list of Northrop buyers is Roosevelt's grateful friend, the Shah of Iran.

The stories of the other Northrop "sales agents" run similarly, bringing in billions to the company from Europe, the Middle East, and Indonesia, not to mention domestic sale to the war planners at the Pentagon.

While Northrop has made the headlines, General Dynamics, Lockheed, McDonnell-Douglas, and the other war profiteers are just steeped in bribes and corrupt dealings.

Linked with all their attempts at quick, high-profit sales are hopes of war and a great demand for their "products."

# Health care system guilty of malpractice

By NEILA SMITH  
 NEW YORK, June 9—On June 1, doctors in nine counties in the New York City metropolitan area began a slowdown of services to protest the rising cost of medical malpractice insurance.

Specifically, the slowdown was sparked by a new law to go into effect July 1, when present insurance coverage expires. The doctors claim that the new coverage will do nothing to prevent up to a 75 percent increase in rates, which have already increased 1,600 percent in the past 10 years.

The New York doctors' "job action" is only one of many erupting in several states across the country over the malpractice issue. These actions are further crippling a health care system already crumbling under the strain of fund cutbacks and layoffs. People all over the country are increasingly wondering how their health and safety will be affected by the so-called malpractice crisis.

## RISING MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

The insurance companies claim they have been forced to increase

their premiums because of the steadily rising number of malpractice claims against doctors and the large amounts of money that have been awarded by juries in some cases. Indeed, the number of cases has increased substantially in the past 10 years, and the average award has also risen. (Of course, the insurance companies fail to mention that they reap a tremendous profit from the increased premium rates.)

But these jury awards which have received so much publicity in recent months are only a small part of the issue. First, they represent only a tiny percentage of the total number of cases brought against doctors and hospitals. About 75 percent of those that reach the lawsuit stage are settled out of court, and of those which do reach a jury, two-thirds are decided in favor of the doctors. A small number of cases end with large awards of hundreds of thousands or even a million dollars. But can this money really compensate for a lifetime of blindness, paralysis, or brain damage? At present inflation

rates, the money will be quickly eroded in the care of people who have been rendered totally dependent on others for the rest of their lives.

## MOST NEVER REPORTED

Most important, the great majority of victims of malpractice and negligence receive no justice from the courts or anyone else. William Curran, professor of legal medicine at Harvard, admits that far more cases of negligence go undiscovered than are ever revealed in the courts. The poor people of this country are given the worst care by a health system primarily geared toward the enrichment of doctors and the boards of directors of the hospitals.

Poor people are harassed, neglected, and experimented upon virtually without restriction in U.S. hospitals and clinics. Many, especially those who don't speak English, don't even know what is being done to them or what their legal rights are while under medical "care." Only a relatively small number of people, who have

the money and resources to seek legal help and to spend years in and out of courtrooms, are able to find any recourse against negligence and incompetence.

Clearly, the U.S. medical system falls criminally short of meeting the health needs of Americans. Both the health care system and the legal system are based on profitability. Although doctors are being charged exorbitant rates by greedy insurance companies, in the long run it is the patients who must pay, with ever-increasing doctors' bills and hospitalization costs. The economic crisis is causing further cutbacks and layoffs in hospitals already criminally understaffed and underfunded, thus increasing the risks of neglect and injury to patients.

## SOCIALIZED MEDICINE THE CURE

What is needed is a comprehensive, nationalized medical system based not on the enrichment of doctors, lawyers, and insurance companies, but on the

health needs of all people. Doctors who are guilty of incompetence should not just be sued, but should be prevented from practicing medicine.

Dr. Todd, president of the AMA, admits that 5 percent of U.S. physicians are incompetent, and this is probably a considerable underestimation. Regular review of all doctors by peers and by the community, as well as mandatory continuing education for all doctors, would be imperative to the improvement of health care. Patients who do suffer injury must have the assurance of decent care and living expenses provided by society.

But most importantly, we cannot have decent medical care for all until society's foundations are changed from those of a profit system which places money above all to one which puts the majority of poor and working people above all. Only a socialist society can "reorder priorities" to provide money for good hospitals, more doctors and health care workers, and really good care for everyone.

# Chloride gas injures 24, DuPont 'fined' \$2,000

NEW YORK, June 7—On the evening of April 22, a 12-inch rupture occurred in a 20-inch diameter aluminum pipe at the DuPont Company Edgemoor plant in Delaware, releasing a white cloud of gases that swept through Wilmington's northeastern suburbs. By the time the gas cloud had been diluted and dispersed by winds, 24 persons were in need of medical treatment, with symptoms of coughing, nausea, burning eyes, choking, and hallucinations.

Even while the gas cloud menaced the residential areas, the DuPont Company maintained an official policy of secrecy about the nature of the chemical composition of the gas, stating only that it contained nothing harmful. Only somewhat later, after the list of injured persons continued to grow, was it learned that the gas was composed of a mixture of titanium tetrachloride and chlorine. Chlorine, by the way, was the first poisonous gas used in World War I.

Luckily, it appears so far that the injuries to the 24 were not serious, although it may be too early to tell about the long-range effects of this gassing. After World War I, veterans' hospitals for years, throughout Europe and the United States, had to care for thousands of lung-seared victims of chlorine and other chemicals.

But did the DuPont Company, which lords over the state of Delaware in almost feudal

majesty, get away with this latest, flagrant violation of Delaware's air quality laws? Oh, no. It was forced to pay the exorbitant fine of \$2,000—or \$83.33 per person injured.

## DUPONT AND OZONE

In another development, researchers from the University of California contend that, unless the use of fluorocarbon gases in aerosol sprays is halted, by the end of this century half-a-million to 1.5 million new cases of skin cancer will be discovered each year. Strong evidence has come to light through the efforts of these scientists that fluorocarbon gases combine with atmospheric gases to destroy atmospheric ozone gas, which acts as a shield or filter against harmful radiations from the sun—radiations which cause cancer of the human skin.

The DuPont Company, which produces one-half of this country's fluorocarbons and one-quarter of the world's, does not feel that the long-range effects of the destruction of half the Earth's ozone layer within 75 years, at the present rate of production, is sufficient reason to give up the \$200 million to \$300 million per year sales of fluorocarbons.

The cancer death rate in Providence, Maryland, a small town near the Delaware border, is seven times the rate of the rest of

the country. The Galaxy Chemical Company in Providence daily spews out chemical fumes from its operations.

## OCCUPATION-RELATED DEATHS

A worker at the electric furnace shop of the Phoenix Steel Corp. in Claymont, Delaware, died recently at the age of 51. His doctors believe the cause of death was the concentration of iron dust particles in the air of his work place.

Two workers have been killed and nine others poisoned since 1970 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, from breathing the powdered beryllium metal-laden air in their work place.

Vinyl chloride gas, found in hundreds of products, including seven Clairol hair preparations, have been deemed to be of sufficient danger in producing cancer that dozens of vinyl chloride gas products have been removed from the market. Some 20,000 workers help manufacture the chemical.

If any substance, out of literally thousands of substances showered upon the populace by the corporate entities, can be shown to cause almost instantaneous death in people, with suitably dramatic effects that obviate natural causes, it probably will not wind up in the hands of workers and consumers—except, possibly, as a weapon to be used against other nation's

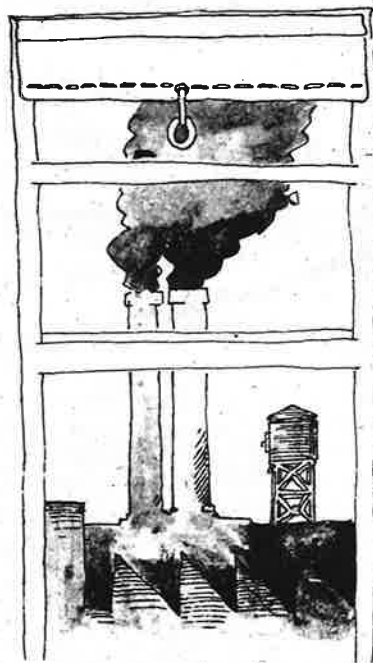
workers in an imperialist war. If, however, short-range harm cannot be proven, those substances are unleashed upon us, so that we become the experimental laboratory specimens to test their long-range cancer-producing, genetic-changing, or lung-searing effects.

This is so because, in the anarchy of production called capitalism, production is primarily for profit, not for use.

## COMPANIES LOBBY AGAINST SAFETY

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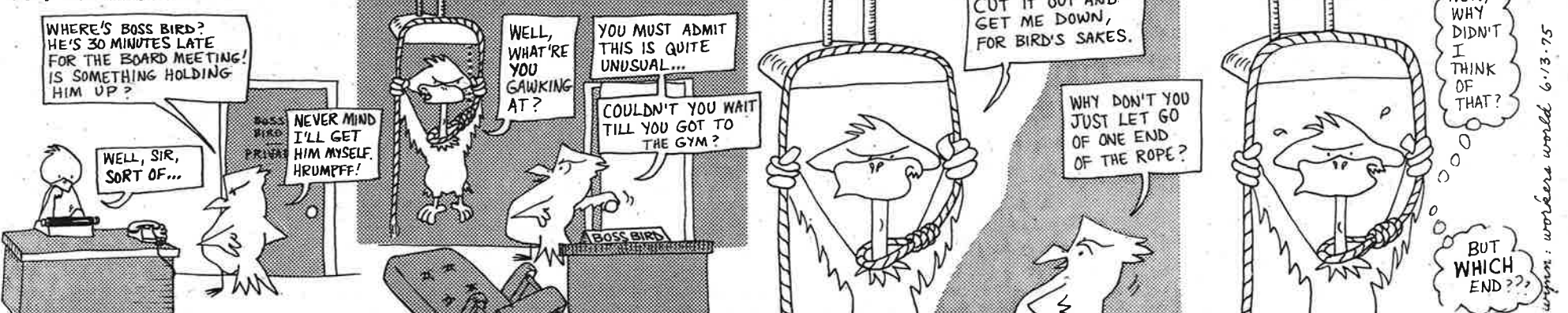
The U.S. Bureau of Labor has conducted yearly samplings of industries since 1971 to determine the incidence of poisonings and dust diseases. The DuPont Company's influence is great enough that Delaware's chemical industry is not even listed, because the company, being Delaware's largest employer, would be too easily identified. Other statistical data about chemical-induced diseases within the workplace are



routinely placed off-limits to the public, whether that data is compiled by the corporations themselves or by "public" agencies.

Only when production is geared to human needs rather than to profit and only when the forces of production are held accountable to the consumers—that is, when the workers control those forces of production—will there be an end to the callous attitudes about the long-range effects of those thousands of substances that surround us.

## FOR THE BIRDS...



# POLITICAL PRISONERS



## PHILA. RALLY SUPPORTS JOANN LITTLE



Joann Little.

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Special to WORKERS WORLD PHILADELPHIA, May 31—A militant rally of 75 people tonight expressed their support of Joann Little and her struggle against a racist frame-up murder charge in the death of a North Carolina would-be rapist jailer.

Organized by the Joann Little Support Committee (JLSC), the rally was held in a spirit of solidarity with Joann, and in support of the right of women and prisoners to defend themselves against sexual attacks and physical abuse.

Joann Little is being charged with first-degree murder in the death of jailer Clarence Alligood, who had attempted to rape her in her prison cell. Her trial is presently set to begin July 14.

The featured speaker of the

evening talked about the consolidation of the forces supporting Joann. Patricia Chance, staff coordinator for the legal defense team and liaison to the Board of Directors of the Joann Little Defense Fund, Inc., exposed the frame-up and railroad attempts of the prosecution.

She said the prosecution is more concerned with obtaining a conviction for the sake of revenge than trying to get the truth about what happened in Beaufort County Jail last August.

Chance said that Joann had admitted to killing Alligood, but stressed that the real issue is self-defense.

She pointed out that the ordeal of facing the death penalty has had the effect of changing Joann from a young girl who believed in

due process of the law to a more radicalized person who understands the two-faced nature of the U.S. justice system.

Speaking for the committee, Ali Shabazz, committee chairperson and member of Youth Against War & Fascism, told the audience why Little's fight belonged to all of them. He explained that the prisons, courts, and police forces are the direct means of repression by which the ruling class subjugates poor and working people. He said, "Most prisoners are Black and other national minorities and all of them are poor, and this must tell you what the prisons are about."

Explaining the JLSC's position on self-defense, Shabazz stated, "We are not for vigilantism but we support the right of any woman to use any means at her disposal to protect herself; and if it means being like Joann, then let it be."

Paul Bennett, staff writer for the Philadelphia Tribune, who first published Joann's story in this area, spoke about the events leading up to her present struggle. He said that North Carolina is the only state which still declares alleged offenders "outlaws" who can then be shot "on sight." This was the plight which Joann Little faced before she gave herself up.

The program included music by the "Power of Attorney," a band consisting of inmates and former inmates from Graterford Prison, poetry and readings selected for the occasion by "The Philadelphia Poets," and the dramatic film on the Attica uprising and Rockefeller's massacre of the Attica inmates entitled "Teach Our Children."

At the conclusion of the rally, Patricia Chance was presented with over 2,000 supporting signatures demanding that prosecution against Joann be stopped immediately.

The Joann Little Support Committee has been instrumental in keeping Philadelphia active around this fight to save her life. In operation since late March, the Committee has demonstrated, petitioned, and appeared on radio and television shows and is now planning to mobilize forces to go to North Carolina for the trial.

The JLSC can be reached at P.O. Box 9894, Philadelphia, Pa. 19140.

## KKK AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS

I am a Black prisoner incarcerated at Stateville Prison, Joliet, Illinois. The prison is under the full operation of Ku Klux Klans who are acting as prison officials in disguise. They are employed secretly by the use of tax payers' monies to destroy prisoners' minds so they will commit more crimes against you tax payers when released, and this means more prisons to be built and more taxes will be needed from you tax payers to build these prison-death-traps. I have two (2) law suits in the federal courts of Chicago, and I need your financial aid to obtain

some decent lawyers to properly represent these cases. My law suits are Thomas v. Pate, etc. 66c609-71-1410, which is (9 years) old. . . . And Thomas v. Seilaff, etc. 73c3153, which is (2 years) old. My law suits are to expose publicly the concealed operations of the Ku Klux Klan here at Stateville and Joliet Prisons, and if you wish to help me fight against this "sadistic racism," then please send whatever funds you are able to send to the following address: Charles Thomas, care of Atty. Lael F. Johnson, 14th Street & Sheridan Road, North Chicago, Illinois 60064.

## GUARDS MENANCE PRISONER'S LIFE

To Prisoners page, Workers World:

I have been asked to write the following to you on the case of a youth incarcerated in San Quentin.

Mike Burgener is a 20-year-old youth and has been imprisoned for over a year under California's vicious and inhumane "undetermined sentence."

Mike has filed suit in court against this practice. This and his testimony in court on behalf of other prisoners have brought the guards down on him hard. They have planted glass in his food and several times placed weapons in his cell in order to build more frame-up charges. Under constant threat of violence, Mike reacted and slightly wounded two guards, and though he was hurt much worse himself, no public mention

of his wounds has been made.

Barely a month ago another prisoner was murdered by officials. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and this death was one of many such attacks on prisoners recently.

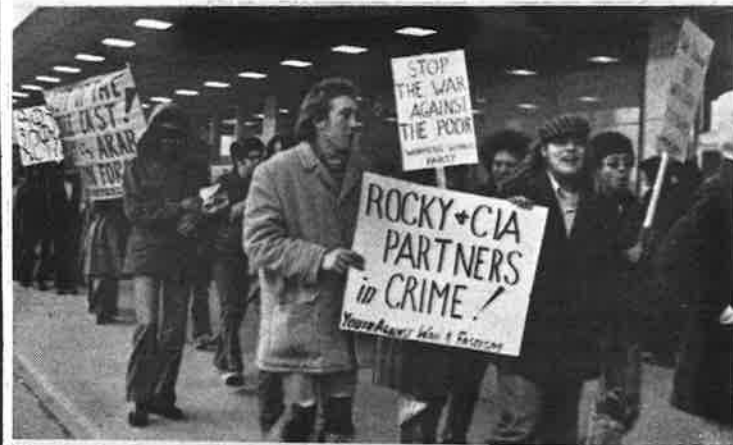
Mike was originally sent to the "adjustment center," where he has been for 2 years now, for some trouble in the yard which even the guards acknowledge he was not responsible for. But the hacks say Mike must be kept at the "adjustment center" for his own protection. This "protection" consists largely of guards telling him he will never get out. Mike feels that if he is not soon set up for life he will be killed, in the words of his family, "as they have killed others in the name of law and order."

The family of Mike says: "We

are the older generation (in our 50's), parents of children, and always believed in the system and knowing that if one broke the law they must pay for it, but we've been forced to change our already set minds since we've seen what is happening to our loved one and others who were sent to prison to pay for their wrongs. It's not as simple as going in and doing your time. The prisoners are harassed and abused when they are jailed to bend to the will of the cruel type person that is found in any institutionalized situation. Look what is happening to our aged in nursing homes and the retarded. It is pitiful and inhumane and because not enough noise is made nothing is done."

Much-needed messages of support and solidarity can be sent to: The Burgener Family, 10277 Selkirk Ave., Riverside, Ca. 92503.

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## Atmore-Holman Brother hanged in cell

# Alabama rally hits prison murders

By TOM GARDNER  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 5—Over 75 people came together here last night to protest the murder of Frank X. Moore, a leader of the Inmates for Action and one of the nine Atmore-Holman Brothers. Most of the people attending the rally were from the Ensley area where Frank grew up.

The meeting, called by the Inmates for Action Defense Committee and the Families for Action, was delayed in starting when permission to use the community center reserved by the meetings' sponsors was withdrawn at the last minute by high officials in the Birmingham Housing Authority.

Mrs. Ruby Williams of the Welfare Rights Organization and the chairperson of the rally labeled the denial of the Tuxedo Recreation Center "just another example of the racism of Birmingham's officials." She told the rally, "They want to keep us from

protesting these murders of our sons and brothers in prison, but they won't stop us this way. We will protest this action by the housing Authority, even if we have to sit-in."

When the rally resumed at the nearby Holy Family School, Mrs. Sara Moore, Frank's mother, declared that the official story that Frank committed suicide was nothing but "a cruel lie to cover up their own crimes."

Mrs. Moore was informed of her son's death 12 hours after he was supposedly found hanging in his cell in the Escambia County jail in Brewton, Ala. on April 26, 1975. The jailer claimed that Frank had hung himself with a sheet.

### "HE WAS MURDERED"

"He was murdered," said Mrs. Moore, "and he went down fighting like a man to the end." She showed this reporter pictures of Frank's body taken by a private photographer hired by the family.

The pictures show bruises and apparent rope burns on the IFA leader's chest, ankles, and neck. They reveal a large gash in the back and severely skinned knuckles, both clearly recent wounds.

Frank X. Moore was active in the Inmates for Action, a statewide prisoners' organization begun in 1971 to press for an end to the inhumane conditions in Alabama's prison system. After serving all his 10-year sentence for allegedly robbing a grocery store, Frank walked out of prison last year only to be immediately rearrested and jailed on equally false charges. He was one of 6 prisoners indicted on politically motivated murder charges arising from an incident at Atmore prison farm on Jan. 18, 1974, in which IFA chairperson Chagina and a guard died following an Attica-style assault by the warden and guards. He was held in the dungeon-like Escambia County Jail on a \$40,000 ransom bail, and



was scheduled for trial in Brewton on June 10.

At the community rally last night, Mafundi, a veteran of 13 years in the Alabama prison system and founding chairperson

of the Inmates for Action, told those assembled, "The murder of Frank X. Moore is part of the pattern of repression and brutality against leaders of the IFA. The authorities murdered Chagina in January and in March of 1974 they beat to death Brother Yukeena (sn. Tommy Dotson), the IFA Chairman at Holman Unit Prison, and they have brutalized other brothers protesting conditions. The time has come for the people to ACT to stop these murders now!"

Spirited discussion followed, exposing one incident after another of racist police harassment in the Black community of Birmingham, detailing the difficulties faced by family members trying to visit their loved ones in prison, and pointing out the contrast between the "justice" dished out to Blacks and poor whites and that given to rich crooks like Nixon and Agnew. Sydney Hill of the Revolutionary Workers Congress of Birmingham declared, "We must support the IFA and stop these murders now, but it is not until we end imperialism that we will end this oppression forever."

### FROM BEHIND THE WALLS

The meeting ended with a taped message to Frank X. Moore's mother from Gamba Mani (sn. Oscar Johnson), the current chairperson of the Inmates for Action and one of the nine Atmore-Holman Brothers.

After Gamba's 20-minute message to the people gathered, including his own mother, Mrs. Moore spoke with intense pride and determination.

"Frank uplifts my head and I know what Frank would want us to do. We must continue to carry on in Frank's name and in the name of Chagina and Yukeena. We will not bow our heads low in sorrow. We will lift our heads high and see and continue to move forward. And we will continue to clear the road for all those who want what Frank wanted, and that is freedom for all poor and oppressed people. This is what Frank wanted, this is what Frank will get, because this is what we will have, and we are Frank."

## Mother of slain inmate leader files suit



Autopsy photo of George Chagina Dobbins.

By STEVE WHITMAN  
BIRMINGHAM, June 4—This past week, Ms. Carrie Bush, the mother of assassinated Inmates For Action (IFA) chairperson George Chagina Dobbins, filed suit in Birmingham federal court charging Alabama state and prison officials with murdering her son in the aftermath of a rebellion at Atmore Prison Farm on Jan. 18, 1974. Ms. Bush is asking \$250,000

from each defendant as damages. The suit names Marion B. Harding, then the warden at Atmore, G.S. Byrne, Sheriff of Escambia County, L.B. Sullivan, Commissioner of Corrections, Gov. George Wallace, and several others as defendants.

Chagina was chairperson of the IFA, Alabama prisoners' activist organization, when IFA members and other Atmore inmates took

control of the segregation unit on Jan. 18, 1974, and demanded to see six public and elected officials. Two guards were taken hostage and one was murdered as Warden Harding led an Attica-like attack into the segregation unit.

Chagina was wounded during the onslaught, but the suit charges that the wounds were on the arms and back and were not serious enough to kill Chagina. The suit also charges that during negotiations between Chagina and Harding, the warden told Chagina, "You're a walking dead man and don't even know it... a lot of you are going to die if anything happens to any of my guards."

The suit further maintains that Dobbins had no wounds on his face and head when he was taken to Mobile General Hospital (about 60 miles away), but that he had nine axe-like stab wounds on his face and head when he arrived dead at the hospital.

All of the above is true. Most of what the suit charges was even admitted to by state officials during recent trials of those inmates (known as the Atmore-Holman Brothers) who lived through Harding's onslaught and continue to struggle until this very day. Recently, the Committee for Prisoner Support in Birmingham (CPSB) Newsletter published a picture showing Chagina's mutilated face, obtained from the private autopsyist by court order, thus demonstrating what IFA members and supporters have been saying since the rebellion.

### "DEATH LIST"

Adding further evidence to the

belief that Alabama officials are working their way through a "death list" found at Holman prison in March 1974 was the murder at Holman Prison of IFA leader Tommy Yukeena Dotson and, more recently, the murder of another IFA leader and Atmore-Holman Brother, Frank X. (Moore). He died in the Escambia County Jail, the very same jail presided over by Sheriff G.S. Byrne, the same man charged in the suit filed by Ms. Bush. The reconstruction of Chagina's murder has Byrne riding in the ambulance with Chagina when he was murdered.

This suit, filed by Ms. Bush is just one of the most recent steps taken by IFA members and supporters to end the racist repression and murder of any Alabama prisoner who will speak out for human rights and dignity. Soon, the family of Yukeena will file a suit similar to the one filed by Ms. Bush, and the evidence in the murder of Yukeena is just as overwhelming as it is in the murder of Chagina.

Perhaps more important is that the people of Alabama, especially in the neighborhood in Birmingham where Frank X. grew up, are enraged about his recent murder. There have been a series of large community meetings and it is hoped that soon there will be mass public protests against the murder of Frank and the brutal treatment and harassment of all Alabama inmates.

Free the Atmore-Holman Brothers! Stop racist repression! Implement the demands of the IFA!